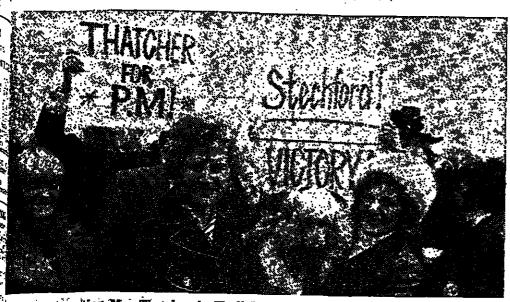
Mrs Thatcher prepares Inquiry into deals by for direct elections to Europe for autumn poll after win at Stechford

conservatives' sweeping vicry in the Birmingham, Stechford, v-election has spurred Mrs Thatv-election has specification of an autumn neral election. On a similar swing ture would see a Tory landslide

of 1931 proportions, our Political Editor says. Mrs Thatcher said she was cancelling engagements for the autumn and was not going abroad, as she had done in the past two years, because she expected an election (page 2).



opporters greeting Mrs Thatcher in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, yesterday.

Sign of wider shift to right

200% Political calculations have een radically altered by the mandinary Conservative e Birmingham, Stechford, byerion on Thursday on a ors. It meant that given a milar swing in a general elec-on now or soon, Mrs Thatcher cold arrive at 10 Downing treet with a Commons aprity of up to 300 seats. We should be back to 1931 or

The calculus may change in e next few months, but that not all. The frierals, who had lided much the best known the six candidates and ally boasted about the quality their organization and camign, not only suffered the sit int were driven into with place by the National

Mr Noy Jenkins, now Presi-nt of the European Commis-n, had comfortably held the orangeiass seat for Labour r 27 years. In the general scion of October, 1974, he led e Conservative candidate by

c= 323 votes Next week his Conservative cossor, Mr Andrew MacKay, he at 27 becomes the youngest will start his Westminster preer with a majority of 1,949. No wonder Mrs. Tharcher, in bad a dismaying serback in reck's "no confidence" ther party on the alert yes-ide, for an autumn general

-- Historically, that is the logic the Labour Government's resent parliamentary position. fithout the aberrations of beral support it has no period the majority on the or of the House; and it has - aly parity in standing comon Bills for the rest of

se Parliament, which means it

Whatever excuses the Government and the Liberal MPs are resorting to, the fact is that Mr Callaghan and his Cabinet have now been given a warning that a realignment of party forces in the Commons amounts to nothing if the electorate has realigned itself in an opposite direc-tion, as it did in Stechford and Workington and Walsall, North. last November.

The electorate in what have been for decades safe Labour seats are realigning towards the right, with younger voters apparently passing beyond Mrs Thatcher and the Conservatives to the extreme position of the National Front.

were asking hat electoral Politicians roundams were asking yesterday what electoral yalidity has the Liberal con-tract with Mr Callaghan to keep Labour in power at least to the end of the present parliamentary session and perhaps to the natural life in October, 1979. Labour and Liberal MPs

ignore electoral swings to the right and hope that given time the economy will come right and justify what now begins to look like a shabby inter-party deal to save their skins.

But a Liberal lost deposit,

with a first-class candidate and a good organization, does not suggest that there are any benefits for Liberals in the compact, and for Mr Callaghan there must be a deepening realization that he was left in the cart by Sir Harold Wilson when he succeeded to No 10

a year ago. If there is a deep realignment of political forces, it is taking place less at Westminster than in one Labour stronghold after another among the voters, and no expediences of realignment at Westminster can survive for long if that continues. On the basis of the Lab-Lib

can neither defeat nor fight contract, Westminster politics will become even more remote from ordinary people, increas-Government sustained by a parliamentary elitist conspiracy, and it might even happen that

the swing to the National Front, a disturbing feature in recent Mr Callaghan and Mr Steel ould defeat Mrs Thatcher's for an aurumn general election. But a serious rot has set in, and history teaches that such a rot soon weakens a government's and a party's will to govern, as in 1951.

Not only the Labour left wing but also some Cabinet ministers in the centre of Labour politics may be expected before long not to want to go on living as a pale imitation of a Conservative administration, torn be-tween obliging the Liberals, obeying the TUC and affronting socialist fundamentalists.

There comes a time in the life of a Labour administration when opposition is preferable to the responsibilities of office, and that time comes nearer with every succeeding election that promises Mrs Thatcher a landslide victory in

the next general election.
But there are deep difficulties for Mrs Thatcher and her principal aides. They continue to be saddled with the debacle of the general election of February 28, 1974, and they are still confounded by their failure to put across at Westminster or in the country a plausible alternative policy or national stra-

tegy.

The recent sense in the City, industry and the press that it is too early for a general election, despite the unmistakable shift of electoral opinion, should warn Conservatives that there would be risks in coming into power on a negative rather

Stechford sequel, page 2 George Hutchinson, page 14 Leading article, page 15

son of Mrs Gandhi

From Richard Wigg Delhi, April 1 Mr Charan Singh, the Home Mr Charan Singh, the Home Minister, announced in Parliament this evening that the Indian Government intends to conduct thorough inquiries into business deals with which Mr Sanjay Gandhi, the younger son of the former Prime Minister was associated.

Mr Singh said that one

Mr Singh said that one inquiry would be into the affairs of the Maruti Company, of which Mr Gandhi was a shareholder and director, and which was to have built a small popular car at a manufacturing site in the state of Haryana. A nd separate inquiry, he would be into the affairs of Mr Bansi Lal, the former Defence Minister, who was Chief Minister of Haryana.

Mr Singh, whose announce ment was cheered from Government benches, Government benches, was intervening in a debate where Party had tabled a motion demanding a parliamentary inquiry into the "business empire" of Mr Gandhi, who says he has now retired from redisting to the great 20 politics at the age of 30.

Mr Singh also announced a third separate inquiry into a 6m rupee (about £400,000) embezzlement scandal of five years ago, involving the State Bank of India, to ascertain whether there had been any afficial commissions.

official connivance.
Faced by mounting pressure from within his own party, Mr Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister, had earlier today emphasized that his Government's policy would be to ment's policy would be to examine specific complaints of abuses committed during the 19 months of the emergency. But he would not permit a "witch-

Mr Desai was apparently careful not to use in Parliament the word "punishment" in relation to the Government of Mrs Indira Gandhi. He merely said : "If any specific complaint comes, we will have to go into

But Mr Georges Fernandes, who was only released from imprisonment under the emergency after winning his seat in the general election, was at the same moment telling the All India Railwaymen's Federation that the Janata Government could not adopt a forgive-andforget attitude.

He and others, he said, had undergone "untold sufferings, and those responsible for such crimes should be brought to book and punished according to the law of the land".

Mr Desai, who was himself imprisoned during the emer-gency, indignantly denied a Congress MP's claim today that he had given any blanket assur-

Hardly a day passes here without demands for bringing to account those responsible for mischeds under the emergency The Delhi branch of the Janata Party has begun to take statements from members of the public who claim to have wifered at the hands of officials or police.

M Acharya Kripalani, one of

the most distinguished sur-

viving associates of Mahatma Gendhi, resterday demanded a high-level judicial commission and trial and punishment for those found guilty. Saintly individuals could forgive and forget, he argued, but no government, keeping a police force and an army, had the right to do so in the name of the nation.

Mr Morarji Desai told

Parliament that he had apologized to Mrs Margaret
Thatcher, the Conservative
leader, and to Mrs Bandaranaike, the Prime Minister of Sri
Lanka, for making critical
remarks about women in
politics to the American news

nagazine *Time*. Mr Desai said today that he bluor apologize to romen. But he immediately had Congress members,

headed by the bulky Mrs Purabi Mukherjee, demanding: "And what about Indian women?" But Mr Desai, who reputedly has kept his own wife well in

the background, stood his ground like a man. "I have said whatever I have to say. I am not going to apologize here. Do whatever you like," he said. At this the opposition Conactory amendment to the control of t

Government suggests four options Mystery of

Four possible options for direct elections to the European Parliament are contained in a consultative White Paper pub-lished yesterday by the Gov-ernment, which says it is "conscious of the undesirability of making major constitutional changes unless they have a wide measure of support

The Government has com-mitted itself to using its best endeavours" to be ready for elections by May-June next year, and the four options it puts forward are:
1. The traditional simple

majority electoral system, which has stood the test of time and is well understood by the elec-torate at large and by the poli-tical parties."

2. A list system of proportional representation; a regional system would be preferable to a national system because it

would "allow some of the vir-

tues of a simple majority system to be retained ". 3. The single transferable

11 held as

Swedish

which, like the list system. would involve fundamental departures from Britain's traditionel electoral practice and "would mean that we were using different electoral systems for national and Euro-

police smash

The Swedish Government an-

nounced tonight that armed police had arrested 11 people,

six of them foreigners, in dawn raids after uncovering a plot to carry out "an act of terror-ism against Swedish interests".

It is believed another 30

people are being questioned.
One of those arrested, the

statement said, was a West German believed to be Norbert

Kroecher, wanted international

ally for alleged terrorist activi-

ties. German police were under-stood to be travelling to Stock-holm to help identification.

quantities of explosives, tear

gas, weapons and money were

also found in wide ranging raids

by armed police in Stockholm early this morning. The state-

bassy, the police headquarters and the Chancellery, which houses the Prime Minister

ized by the Government after security police had uncovered

plans for a terrorist action aimed at Swedish interests.

Finland, was being kept informed.

for which Herr Kroecher is wanted is the kidnapping in West Berlin in 1975 of Herr

Peter Lorenz, a Christian Demo-crat politician, by the "June 2" movement. Five members of the Baader-Meinhof gang were freed

The Swedish statement said the

man held in Stockholm was a

member of "June 2".

One of the terrorist incidents

thorough

The raids had been author-

The Government said large

terror plot

From Roger Choate-

Stockholm, April 1

4. A combination of one of the above with the compulsory dual mandate, that is "member-ship of the House of Commons would be an essential condition

would be an essential condition for membership of the European Assembly ... Giving full recognition to the inherent difficulty of Northern Ireland, where a traditional electoral system could be expected to lead to control of all the designated seats by the Protestant candidates, the White Paper states: "The Government considers that the special circumstances of Northern Irecircumstances of Northern Ire-land would make it appropriate for direct elections there to be conducted by a system of pro-portional representation. Under a system of propor-tional representation the White

tional representation, the White Paper gives an example of how the 81 seats in the European Parliament could be allocated Scotland would get eight seats, Wales four, Northern Ireland three, South-east England (ex-cluding Greater London) 14, Greater London 10, South-west England six, East Anglia and East Midlands eight, West Midlands seven, north-west England nine, Yorkshire and Humber-side seven and Northern Eng-land five.

Conservative MPs generally would like to stay with the traditional system, believing that their party would sweep

fragile the board. Others believe that such a dominance of Conserva-tive MPs would not be in the long-term interests of the par-

Mr Jeremy Thorpe, foreign affairs spokesman of the Liberal Party, commented yesterday: "A proportional representation system would be utterly fair and the quickest and exists to introduce?

The Scottish National Party The Scottish National Party expressed outrage at the possible disposition of seats. Mr George Reid, the party's European spokesman, said: "The SNP will seek parity with Denmark in direct elections. It is totally unacceptable that the Danes, with a smaller population than the Scots should tion than the Scots, should have double the number of European MPs."

Cabinet ministers generally agree that the Labour Party would stand to lose heavily at present if Parliament opted for the traditional first-past-thepost system.

Many are therefore tending to lean towards a regional list system, which avoids the danger of centralized patronage by party headquarters but would give the party a reasonable chance of fair representation in the European Parliament.

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Italian Communists sit

By Richard Davy

If there were a grave EastWest emergency, the Italian
Communist Party would probably not want to commit itself.

The for peace, it would be communisted in the present frontiers for the present frontiers of the present frontiers of the present frontiers. to either side", according to Signor Lucio Lombardo Radice, a senior member of the party's central committee. "We as a party could not be expected to work against the general interests of the Soviet Union, and by 'interests' I mean the historical achievements of socialism, which we do not want to see destroyed or dimini-shed", he has said.

His statement will do nothing. to assuage worries about the implications for Nato of a communist, or communist-domina-ted, government in Italy. It was made during a long and exceptionally illuminating discussion with Mr George Urban a writer on communist affairs; now being broadcast in instalments by Radio Free Europe, the American station which addresses East Europe from West Germany. The full text will appear in the next issue of Encounter.

ment did not disclose the target of the alleged plot, but said special police and security rein-forcements had been posted around the West German Em-The subject of loyalty to the alliance came up twice. On the first occasion Signor Lombardo Radice was asked what the party would do if it were in power, or sharing power, durand far-reaching had to make a quick decision.

His initial reply was: "We swedish interests". would choose the Soviet side, of course". Later he qualified this by saying: "It depends. If there is an imperialist aggres-Further raids could be expected. Mr Thorbjörn Fälldin, the Prime Minister, who is visiting sion with the arowed objective

of rolling back socialism we would feed entirely absolved of any obligation of 'loyalty' to the 'defensive' character of Nato and take the side of the Soviet Union, But we would, in such an extreme emergency, also do our utmost to restore peace ". Later he modified his position again, explaining: "We would want to fight peither the

United States nor the Soviet

on fence over Nato

of socialism or to destroy it."
On the vital question of the defence of the alliance, as opposed to his seemingly easier assumption of possible Nato aggression against the Warsaw Pact, he said: "Italy, France and the other European mem-bers of Nato must be prepared to be 'loyal' to the common 'defence' of the alliance if that defence is based on common decisions. However, their obligation lapses if the United States ceases to respect the defensive character of the alliance and imposes on it decisions without

the concurrence of the other signatories of Nato." His discussion is remarkable for the fact that he used an American-financed radio sta-tion, broadcasting in all east European languages, to support socialist opposition in eastern Europe and to criticize in forthright terms the suppression of freedom there and in the Soviet

He expressed "complete accord" with Mr Zdenek Mynar, one of the principal theorists and exclusive of the socialist opposition in Czechovakia, and endorsed Mr Roy Medvedev, the dissident Russian Marxist historian, who, he believes, enjoys some support inside the Soviet party.

Signor Lombardo Radice.

said the suppression, harassment and deportation of people like Mr Solzhenitsyn, Mr Amalrik and Mr Bukovsky was totally Although he disagreed with Mr Solzhenitsvn's ideas, he said: "Solzhenitsvn should be

allowed to return to the Soviet Union and preach his gospel. The hollowness of his claims would be shown up at once." His main argument was that Continued on page 4, col 4 | be one fitch in shadow.

By Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent The widespread suspicion that food quality has been changed by technology was given unexpected support yesterday. It came from government scientists who spent ment scientists who spent almost 10 years investigating whether mpdern eggs really are more fragile than their predecessors of the prebroiler age. They reported, aptly enough in the week before Easter, that the suspicion was indeed justified.

The story began, the Poultry

egg shells

solved

The story began, the Poultry Research Centre said in its annual report, when the proportion of eggs that failed to reach first quality standard rose inexorably. In 1962 five in every 100 were rejected and in 1970 seven. The latter figure represented a total of 1,000 mil-

lion eggs. Most of the rejected eggs failed because their shells were cracked. Was it, the Egg Mar-keting Board wondered, a case of high laying power producing thinner shells? New strains of hen laid so many eggs that they might not have time to produce shells of normal thickness for all of them.

The research centre, based in Edinburgh, was called to inves-tigate. Was it really true that shell thickness had decreased in the 1960s? Comparison with 40-year-old data indicated that it had not.

Moreover, the researchers decided after spending a year on checking half a million eggs that the cracks could not be blamed on a slight, unnoticed drift in national grading stan-

The scientists next looked for "some other change in shell geometry". They found none. They turned to shell quality, but that gave no clue.

The scientists then asked:
"Were the eggs being exposed to stronger or more numerous environmental insults than in earlier decades?" They established that they were, but not enough to explain most of the cracks.

The next move brought some enlightenment. The scientists discovered that some hens stood to lay their eggs while others sat. The varying egg-drop height accounted for some of the cracks.

The scientists then entered

the kitchen, and observed what every domestic boiler of eggs knew: that modern eggs often split when boiling and exude pieces of solidifying white. The real culprit causing the increase in the number of fragile eggs turned out to be the retailer, whose efficiency ensured that eggs reached the housewife more quickly than in the past. That meant the eggs were boiled before the air cell, number with age, had enlarged sufficiently to accommodate the egg contents expanding with heat.
"Thus", the research centre said at the end of its investiga-

tion, "it is probably true that shells are more prone to splirting during boiling, but not true that the cause is a full in shell strength."

Lunar eclipse A partial eclipse of the Moon

is due early on Monday. The Moon will enter the shadow of the Earth at 4.30 am and leave it at 6.06 am. At mid-eclipse, at 5.18 an the full Moon will

Liberal retreat likely on petrol

y David Leigh obtical Staff The Liberals seemed to have st their nerve in the wake f their disastrous showing in the Stechford by election. It se Stechford by-election. It ley will plunge petrol taxes to disorder on Monday by ning down the Government's diget resolution to raise them. Even were they to vote a guarantee that the Governent would lose. That would quire a full turnout of

inority party MPs.
But the Liberals are holding at for a deal with the Govern-ent under which they would

for a promise of an amendment during the later passage of the

Finance Bill.
Whether the Government chooses to resist depends on chooses to resist depends on the assessment it makes of Liberal attitudes. Liberal MPs are convinced they cannot escape from the compact with the Government without facing electoral disaster.
The Chancellor of the Exche

quer, interviewed on the Jimmy Young programme on BBC radio yesterday, said that if the Government lost the vote and had to find the revenue it needed, one way might be to put 3p on a pint of beer.

abstain on Monday in return

value added tax.
Mr Steel, the Liberal leader

showed signs of party back-tracking when he spoke at Nelson, Lancashire, last night. His speech was a good deal less belligerent than the remarks of his Treasury spokes-man, Mr John Pardoe, the previous day.

Mr Pardoe challenged the

Government to make proposals to win over the Liberals and said he could not conceive of a satisfactory amendment to the Finance Bill that would do the

Flights cancelled after unofficial airways strike

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter Engineering workers

British Airways yesterday rejected the advice of their mion, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and voted to go ahead with an unofficial strike tomorrow. They say they will work only day shifts from Monday, leaving evening and night shifts uncovered.

A mass meeting in a hangar at Heathrow airport, London, shouted down Mr Edward Hepple, the union's civil air transport national organizer, who said the strike was unnecessary.

domestic flights from London and provincial airports would be cancelled. The dispute is over shift pay

which varies between £2.50 and £11.50 a week. The issue is complicated because AUEW shop stewards at British Airways are demanding the right to negotiate pay and conditions and not leave it to national level bargaining. A year ago the stewards with-

the negotiating machinery but the union is still represented on the national bargaining struc-ture. British Airways says it will not negotiate with the stewards outside the normal

Ned Chaillet on the novels of Saul Bellow; John Naughton on Laurens Van Der Post; Brian Alderson on Just William; Trevor Fishlock on How Green Was My

Dr Milton Bramlette ; Miss Elfza-beth Muntz ; Mr Raymond

Stock markets: Equities were again hit by profit taking and the FT Index lost 6.9 to close at 412.5, down 5.6 over the week

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DENZION The M&G Personal Pension Plan

now provides a choice between guaranteed and unit-linked. There is complete tax exemption and no commitment to regular premiums. Anyone who is selfemployed or not a member of a company scheme can joir

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eidsRed Rum is - seeking hird victory

ed Rum, who has twice won and twice me second in the Grand National, lines again in the 41-mile steeplechase at intree today (3.15). Carrying top weight 11st 8th, Red Rum has been denied the list ground he prefers be very line of Daniel St. st ground he prefers by rain and Davy ad, Andy Pandy, and Gay Vulgan have sen given equal or better chances in he betting. In the field of 42 will be harlotte Brew, the first woman to ride the page 7

vordic "devaluation"

Hotel

3 per cent devaluation of the Danish od Norwegian krone and a 6 per cent evaluation of the Swedish krone have een agreed by Finance Ministers of the burden joint float or "spake" reliable ources reported vesterday. The sources aid the three currencies would be marked Page 17

'Inaccurate' charges by Mr Gromyko

United States Government has des-The United States Government has described as "inaccurate" remarks made by Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in which he accused the Americans of "a cheap trick." Mr Gromyko was commenting on Washington's latest proposals for strategic arms limitations. In London, however, Mr Vance, the American Secretary of State, said he was looking forward to meeting Mr Gromyko again in May Page 4

New DPP named

Mr T. C. Hetherington, aged 50, deputy Treasury Solicitor since 1975, has been appointed Director of Public Prosecutions in succession to Sir Norman Skelhorn, QC, who is retiring: The appointment takes effect on May 16 Page 3

Unexpected guest

A judge decided in the High Court that would be cheaper to keep a man in a London hotel over the weekend than to pay his return fare to Oswestry, Salop. He has to appear on Monday to answer Page 3 contempt of court charges

No VAT on student rail travel cards

After the Court of Appeal had ruled that cut-price railway travel cards for students were not subject to value-added tax, British Rail appealed to students not to approach stations on the matter have a procedure for returning the VAT portion, which could take a week or two " Law Report, page 3

Visitor from Belgrade Mr Stane Dolanc, the Yugoslav Communist League secretary, arrives in Britain tomorrow as a guest of the Labour Party. Mr Dolanc is regarded in Belgrade as President Tito's heir Page 5

Fuel flashpoint: Dearer gas and electricity

may cost the Government the support of the transport union on pay restraint . 2 Major raided banks: The break-up of his marriage led a former Life Guards major to raid two banks, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court Rome: Girl who was assaulted because she testified against a gang of youths accused of raping her says she will not

be intimidated

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Mr Andrew Brons, aged 29, the National Front candidate who beat the Liberals into fourth place in the Birmingham, Stechford, by-election is, so to say, a second generation repre-sentative of his still young

As a lecturer in politics at Harrogate Mr Brons epitomizes the new and articulate man who will be seen much more in future under the Union Jack. It is true that muscled, wary aides in leather jackets still have subsidiary roles as they did at Stechford, with humourless responses to questions, but the seedy air of confrontation of recent years has gone. The and ancient Acts has receded, although the judiciary never seem far from mind.

In the dispirited air of politics that was typical of Stechford, particularly after a leaden Budget for many Labour voters, Mr Brons seemed sure to pros-per. He did so in sufficient strength to disturb Mr MacKay. the Conservative winner, and Mr Gopsill, the Liberal Characteristically, Mr Davis, the Labour candidate, declined to discuss his opponents.

Mr Brons maintained that his vote made the National Front Britain's third party. But yesterday in the rain-swept streets, with posters already streets, with posters already tattered and party offices in the hands of cleaning women, it did not look quite so certain.

Two middle-aged woman shoppers who declined to give their names at the Fox and Goose shops in the old heart of the constituency were un-

One said: "If you look in our purses you will know why we voted National Front. We have been Labour supporters all our lives, we were born into it and Roy Jenkins, although he did not have much to do with Stechford as he became a big name, suited us.

"But the last few years it has gone funny. The prices are a nightmare and with all the will in the word nothing seems to be done about it. It is the same with the coloureds. Sometimes, Brons that he should introin the word nothing seems to be done about it. It is the same

Liberals in

talks about

vital vote

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Mr Steel said Mr Pardoe was

consulting with other Liberal MPs over the weekend, and he himself would explain the final

Liberal position in Monday's Budget debate.

"But we can in no way go

hard on those who require a car as a necessity, not a luxury

in areas where there is little or no public transport.

"We also recognize that under the Provisional Collec-

tion of Taxes Act, used by both Conservative and Labour gov-ernments, the increase has already been levied since

Budget day, and there could

be administrative chaos if Par-liament then voted against its collection. The situation is further complicated by the in-

clusion of the petrol increase

in one Budget resolution among all other oil tax increases."

But he said the Budget was

framed before the Liberal-

Iabour pact care into force and was "no part of our

rise in thecost of living as the petri increase."

r Rees the Home Secretary, in Leeds last night: that me Government now

neds is time, so that our-



Mr Andrew MacKay, the Conservative victo r, celebrating with his wife, Diana.

being working-class, I feel duce a private Bill on immigra-ashamed, but I cannot take to rion. them, and I am not alone.

"I never really liked Mr MacKay's 30,000 leaflets calling for an end to immigration because it did not add up to what people around here were saving. This time I felt the saving and replaced him by saying. This time I felt the National Front seemed to say what I thought. I do not hate the coloureds, but it seemed a good chance to show what I felt. Honestly, I am not sure today whether I did the right thing Her views seemed to be those

of several others, although two women and one man in the women area said with some force:
"It's the blacks, isn't it?
You've got to do something."
Mr MacKay, glowing from his
victory and ready to report at Westminster on Monday, said he would continue to take what he called a realistic, sensible and moderate line on immigration, and would speak on it. There seemed little doubt that his earlier hard line had led to a. discreet rap on the knuckles

good man and replaced him by a very mediocre one."

Mr Albert Mallaber, a middle-aged Post Office worker and Labour voter, seemed to encapsulate many of Stechespecially when I saw the result.

I hope you know what I mean, who defected, "They ought to it was a protest. There is no other way, is there?"

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Her views seemed to be those

who 'voted' with pint pots in their hands in the pub rather than the poll, and there were a lot of them.
"This is a working-class seat

and Labour has been good to most of them, if only they thought about it. The car workers here have always set the pace in wages and material things and have had a good life. How quickly they forget when their cigarettes go up and their family car is threatened, even though it is crippling already.

"The National Front did well because was carried density that because you cannot deny that working people see immigrants come here penniless and in no

time some are buying up shops with plenty of money. It causes resentment. The Asians do not want to mix and I know several Labour people who have gone over because of it all. But Stechford is, and will be again, a Labour seat despite Thurs-

A. MacKay (C) T. Davis (Lab) A. Brons (NF) G. Gopsill (L)
B. Heron (Int Marxist)
P. Foot (Soc Workers) C majority

General election: R. H. Jenkins (Lab) 23.075; D. J. Wedgwood (C) 11,152; G. A. Gopsill (L) 5.860 ; Lab majority, 11,923.

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int Marxist	1.400	_=_	_=_
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All candidate		t Canti	Lab lost

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Stechford as marginul."

She emphasized the effort the

Government had put into the

by-election, and said people had

been confused by the Labour-

Liberal pact. "They expect

politicians to make up their

minds on matters and issues and

not be open to wheeling and

dealing. They have turned

a government with clear authority to govern for the next

can have a continuous pro-gramme."

It was important, she said, to

achieve a smooth transition

between Phase Two of the pay policy and full free collective

bargaining. Differentials and

Mrs Thatcher was given a standing ovarion by 350 party workers in Hewel Hempstead.

She told them the Government

was clinging to office and its

Mr Steel, the Liberal leader denied that his party's poor showing in the by-election had

anything to do with the Liberal-Labour pact. The result did not surprise him.

He did not believe a general election would take place in

Speaking about the National

Front's showing at Stechford, Mr Steel said he believed a programme of education was

needed to remind the younger generation of where such poli-cies might lead. "It is the kind of politics we do not want to

morale was crumbling.

the immediate future.

deals

productivity

difficulties.

"What is needed in Britain is

threaten new pact on wages By Tim Jones Increases in the price of gas

Price rises

and electricity which came into force yesterday lessened the Government's chances of keep-ing the crucial support of the Fransport and General Workers' Union in its efforts to obtain another year of voluntary pay restraint from the unions.

The 10 per cent increase on gas and 2 per cent on electricity contrasted sharply with the call made yesterday by hir Jack Jones, general secretary of the transport union, for the nation to be given a "real breather" by an immediate freeze on prices.

Mr Jones has stated that his union will be sending an "ex-tremely critical" report on tremely critical" report on some aspects of the Budget to the TUC's economic committee.

His union's distilusionment over the Budget, together with yesterday's price increases and the prospect of an increase in the price of other commodities, such as bread, will make it difficult for 'Mr Jones to begin discussing phase three unless there are improvements in the terms that the Chancellor is offering.

Mr Healey knows that, be-cause of the size of its block vote at the TUC congress, deci-sions taken on pay at the trans-port union's biennial conference in July will be crucial to the future of the special relation-ship between the Government and the TUC.

Mr Jones says in his union journal that a freeze on the prices of essential goods and services and on nationalized industry prices and fares would help to restore confidence in Britain's chances of economic

He wants the price code to be "toughened up" so that cost rises are not passed on down the line. "The price gallop is starting again, and industry has the nerve, with its Tory and press supporters, want less price control when its profits are already well on

"Price rises don't make sense, whichever way we look the attack was claimed by the Provisional IRA.

In Lordonderry bomb disposal experts defused two cassette incendiary devices found in a shopping bag dropped in Crosmore Gardens by a man being chased by security forces. The man escaped. "A price freeze, and a new

price code with powers to tell firms with big profits acrually to reduce prices, especially where import costs are falling because of the stronger pound sterling, would help sales recover, create jobs and get the wheels of industry turning again for the whole nation." Further opposition to a new voluntary agreement on pay will come in Birmingham tomorrow when more than 1,000 elected delegates to the Leyland Cars shop stewards committee meet to discuss the restoration of free collective bargaining.

Peace formula agreed in hospitals dispute

last night in dispute between the National Union of Public Employees and the man-agement of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children,

Hackney.
Earlier yesterday five opera-tions on children at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital were cancelled because of the dispute. The trouble started at Great Ormond Street when three porters refused to remove medical files from a basement, said to be several inches deep in water in places, and claimed an overtime payment for extra duty. They were suspended on full pay. Other porters at Great Ormand Street and colleagues at

Queen Elizabeth Hospital stopped work in sympathy. As a result of talks the union agreed to recommend a return to work f at the earliest oppor-tunity and the hospital man-agement agreed to reinstate the suspended employees when that took place. The joint secretaries of the Ancillary Staffs Whitley Council are to be asked to decide whether conditions in the basement store are normal working conditions, or what the payment should be for clearing the files there.

Belfast shuttle aircraft Break-up of Break will stay overnight when the mortars exploded at From Christopher Walker

For the first time in more than four years British Airways will park an aircraft overnight at Belfast's Aldergrove airport on a regular basis.

That change in security policy is understood to have been made after prolonged consultation with the Ministry of Defence. It has been introduced to ease the running of the airline's new shuttle service between Belfast and London, which started yesterday.

Aldergrove is regarded by the security forces as one of the main prestige targets for the Provisional IRA and it has been attacked several times. The whole of Northern Ireland has been blacklisted by British Airways crews since 1972 because of their fear of assassination by the IRA. They refuse to stay overnight in the province.

The aircrew ban is to remain for the present although the airline is hoping that it may be lifted soon. "We were almost at the point of persuading the crews to change their minds

Family held

while bomb

shouted to the barrack

guard that there was a bomb in

the car and was ordered to

drive across the road away from the gates. The device ex-ploded a few manutes later. The Army said later that the

bomb contained up to 50lb of explosives. Responsibility for the attack was claimed by the

Judge stopped

police search

Aldergrove early last year", an official said yesterday.

Elaborate plans have been made by the Army and the RAF to guard the shuttle jet, a Trident valued at more than film. It will be towed across the tarmac every night after servic-ing to an RAF hangar a quarter of a mile from the main airport

Crews, will continue to be flown out to sleep in Glasgow and will be brought back each morning. Last year the extra service flights cost British Airways about £500,000, nearly half the airline's estimated loss on the Belfast route.

British Airways acknowledges that the rigorous security pre-cautions at Aldergrove and Heathrow clash seriously with their attempts to provide a rapid walk-on, walk-off service

to attract extra traffic.

Because of those difficulties
the Belfast shuttle did not run smoothly on its inaugural day. My flights to and from Belfast yesterday were delayed by more than 30 minutes and at Heath-

Irish fishing zone defined was delivered unilaterally

An Ulster family was held An Ulster family was held hostage yesterday to force the fether to drive a bomb to a Belfast barracks. The resulting explosion caused no casualties and little damage.

According to the ermy, the man was forced to drive to the main gates of the Patace Barracks, on the Holywood Road, Belfast, leaving his family at their home in the Twinbrook The Irish Government is

lish an exclusive 50 to 100-mile fishing zone. After a Cabinet meeting yesterday it decided to introduce an Order excluding from Irish waters boats longer than 110ft with engines of more than 1,100 hp. The Order becomes effective from midnight,

munity's suggestions proved un-acceptable to Dublin. Mr Donniles because of indentations.

From Our Correspondent

taking unilateral action to estab-Easter Day.

Action has been postponed twice to enable EEC negotiations to proceed, but the Com-

egan, Minister of Fisheries, said yesterday the new regulations covered "the Irish box". It would extend 50 miles from the coast and in some cases 100 Mr Donegan said other mempers of the Community would be invited to submit fishing plans for approval, with a view to the introduction of a scheme

'led major to # raid banks'

The scandalous break-up of his marriage led a former major in the Life Guards to walk into two banks and put mock timebombs before the managers, it was claimed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr William Howard, OC, for the defence of Thomas Monta. gue Hickman, said it was the beginning of the end for Mr Hickman when his exception. ally beautiful wife went away. Armed with a shotgun, he twice went into banks with mock bombs, the first time getting away with £17,500.

On the second occasion he was tackled by the manager and eventually coptured in the street after fighting his way out

Captain Charles Goodson. Wickes, Mr Hickman's former surgeon captain in the Life Guards, told the court the major and been a deeply committed family man, passionately devoted to his wife and children. He had still not properly recovered from the break-up of

nis marriage. Major Timothy Gooch. former adjutent, said Mr Hick-man clearly became depressed pecause of the somewhat public end of the marriage. He agreed with Mr Howard that it had been something of a scandel in the regiment, and that another officer had resigned as a result,
Mr Hickman, of Byfield
Daventry, Northamptonshire, admitted possessing a shorend and robbine Barclays Bank, Reading, and the manager, Mr. John Lewis, of \$17,500 in December, 1974. He also admitted shortening the barrels of a shotzum in November, 1976 attempting to rob Mr Alan Grant the manager, at the National Westminster Bank in Guil-ford High Sweet Surrey, in December, 1976, having a shorom with interes to commit an offence, unlawfully wounding

with intent to recis arrest.

Mr Mervyn Griffith Jones, the Common Seriesne, passed a two-year jail sentence, suspended for two years. He ordered Mr Hickman to repay £10,000 to Barclavs Bank within the next 12 months or go to jail for a year. He said Mr Hickman would

Mr Grant, and using a firearm

have gone to jail for a very considerable time had he not been satisfied he was fundamen-tally ill in mind at the time on the lines proposed by the

No police action on ship after 'crew takeover' call

by telephone Det Chief Supt Charles Naan, with a search warrant, was ordered to leave a solicitor's office by a High Court judge

who dictated an injunction to him over the relephone, it was disclosed yesterday. Mr Naan, head of Cambridge-shire CID, was carrying out a search for a document at the offices of Winters, solicitors, at

telephoned Mr Justice Croom-Johnson in London. Mr Naan confirmed yester-day that the judge ordered him to break off the search, which was taking place at 5 pm on March 3. "The matter is sub

judice and I can say nothing more, he added The validity of the search

By a Staff Reporter Devon and Cornwall police

said last night they were taking no action against the crew of a British cargo ship whose captain had radioed for naval assistance saving: "Crew have taken vessel over"

The Royal Navy sent the Leander class frigate Cleopatra towards the ship, the Gomba Atlantic-African Line. The frigate was too far away to catch her up and a Nimrod recon-

naissance aircraft found her.

The Gomba Progress, with a crew of 12, reached Falmouth slowly in bad weather. Earlier the captain had told Land's End radio that he had locked himself in the wheelhouse.

warrant is to be rested before the Lord Chief Justice at a boarded by a group of police hearing expected on Tuesday.

no longer involved.

They said: "As it would appear there are a number of grievances on the part of the crew, agents for the owners and officials of the seamen's union

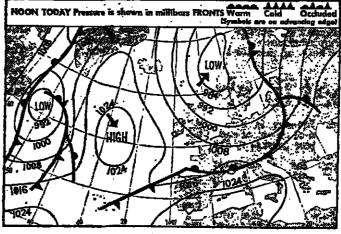
are now on board discussing They added that a dispute over pay and mail had been growing over the past few weeks. An engine breakdown was followed by a failure of the refrigeration plant, and fresh meat was thrown overhourd. On Thursday night the captain ordered a change in engine speed, which was not complied

with.

Chief Inspector Richard Tremelling, who led the police party that boarded the ship, said: "Everything was peaceful and quiet. The captain seems to have misjudged the situation."

NOON TODAY

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

6.34 am. Moon rises : 5.33 am. Fall moon : April 4. Lighting up: 8.5 pm to 6.2 am.

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High water: London Bridge,
12.58 am, 6.4m (21.1ft); 1.28 pm,
1.48 am. 7m (24.3ft); 2.16 pm,
12.9m (42.2ft). Dover, 10.37 am,
12.9m (42.2ft). Bull, 5.45 am, 6.5m
(21.48t). Hull, 5.45 am, 6.7m
(22.6t). Hull, 5.45 am, 6.7m
(22.6t). Hull, 6.27 am. 7.1m
(22.6t); 5.52 pm, 7m (23ft). Liverpool, 10.45 am, 8.9m (22.1ft);
11.11pm, 9.1m (29.7ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 6,32 am. Sum sets: Moon sets: Mo 6.1 asn. Full moon : Tomorrow Lighting up : S.7 pm to 6 am.

A deep low is moving slowly over Scandinavia and a trough of low pressure will progress S over the British Isles with a rather cold, unstable NW air-stream predominating.

stream predomineting.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
Loudon, SE, SW, central S
England, Midlands, Channel
Islands, S Wales: Mainly dry
and sunny at first, then scattered
showers, heavy, with thunder in
places, sunny intervals: wind W,
reering NW, fresh; max temp
10°C (50°F).

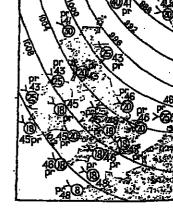
East Angila, N Wales, NW,
central S, E England: Sunny at
first, then heavy showers and

summy intervals; wind W, veering NW, fresh; max temp 8°C

Lake District, Isle of Man, NE
England, Borders, Edinburgh,
Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland,
Glasgow, central Highlands,
Argyll, N Ireland: Frequent Argyli, N Ireland: Frequent showers, wintry in places, perhaps with thunder, sunny intervals, especially later; wind NW. fresh or strong: max temp 7°C (45°F). Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney. Shetland: Frequent wintry showers and samny intervals; wind N, strong; max temp 5°C (41°F). for tomorrow and

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;

Carriff e 9 48 Lisbon
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Copenhan d 18 46 London
Dublin c 8 46 Madrid
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Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm. 13°C (55°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 7°C (45°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 57 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.06in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 3.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 997.4 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Monday: Sunny intervals and scattered showers, wintry in N: cloud and rain preceded by sleet or stow spreading to many N districts on Monday; rather cold with night frost in places.

Sea passages: S North Sea. Strait of Dover: Wind W, strong to gale, weering NW, fresh or strong; sea very rough, becoming moderate. moderate.
English Channel (E): Wind W. strong, veering NW, fresh; sea rough, becoming moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind W to NW, strong to gale or severe gale, becoming NW, fresh



Unique in Britain - built de Batin's Hot Springs 200 years ago. Als Facchading Aluseum of Codine. Assembly Rooms, magrafice I ath Cent. Durkings, Colour Lab 25p from KG Con. Pump Room, Bath

Mrs Thatcher cancels engagements in autumn in readiness for election A general election in the ham to attend the European had extended the whole mean ing of marginal constituencies "No one would have described

Mr Callaghan refused to discuss the result. He spent yester-day morning visiting Telford new town and the West Mid-

Mr Steel said the party was considering the best way to oppose the petrol tex increase, adding: "Clearly, to knock a large hole in the Chancellor's Budget on Monday would be a back on our commitment to oppose the increase in petrol prices, which is particularly

autumn was predicted yesterday
by Mrs Thancher, leader of the
Opposition, after her party's ations on economic policy and
victory in the by-election at
Birmingham, Stecisford. Mrs. Thatcher said she had kept herself free for the autumn and was not going over-seas as in the past two years,

lands and ignored reporters' specifically because she expec-questions.

Une of his visits was to a vulnerable time, she added.

RSR alertrical commonwed land. BSR electrical components plant at Cradley Heath, near Dudley, West Midlands, where 400 women workers, on a go-slow because of an overtime dispute, agreed to return to normal working on Thursday.

Ir the afternoon Mr Callaging the Stachford result in the stackford result in the stackford result.

Protest votes helped the Tories, opinion poll says

A protest vote against the Government and dissussionment with the Liberal Party were the main factors in the Conservative victory in the Birmingham, Stechford, byelection, according to an opinion poli conducted for Independent Television News by the Opinion Research Centre.

The poll, among 571 vocers at four voting stations, showed that the Conservatives gained 14 per cent of votes cast for ind was no part or our igreement."

After the peeting in Nelson Mr Steel said: "We are looking for a conpromise with the Labour at the last general elec-tion, and 27 per cent of the Liberal vote in addition to 45: per cent of those voters who did not vote in 1974. ing for a compromise with the Governmentals to how the total amount of woney in the Budget can be raisd without the extra tax on perol. My own view is that people would rather have the personal option of more on such things as beer than be faced by a compulsory rise in petrol.

Although he Liberals did not want to "bock a great hole in the Budget" they wanted to find an alernative to dearer petrol. "'e must find a compromise between damaging the Budget an having such a basic rise h thecost of living as the A third of voters said they had changed their

Nuclear waste

responsibility

to be changed

By Our Energy Correspondent

Overall government responsi-bility for the management of

radioactive nuclear waste is to be transferred from the Depart-

ment of Energy to the Department of the Environment.

It also recommended that the Secretary of State for the Environment should be advised

by a nuclear waste manage-

ment advisory committee, on which there would be a strong

Mr Benn, Secretary of State

for Energy, agreed with the commissions recommendations

per cent yesterday.

Mortgage rate cut.

environmental representation.

Both ministries have agreed

cated, were mainly skilled workers. More than half said

The poll attributed 55 per cent of the strong National Front showing to former Labour voters, and indicated that more than half of National Front voters were trade union

allegiance since 1974, and most who changed from Labour did so as a "protest vote". The Labour defectors, the poll indithe Government's alliance with the Liberals had made them less inclined to vote Labour. It also took a toll on the Liberal vote.

members Questions about the relevant ral vote in addition to 45 virtues of the party leaders cent of those voters who drew the response that Mr cot vote in 1974. Callaghan was considered more third of voters said they adept at dealing with unions changed their party and crises than Mrs Thatcher.

Four years for drug smugglers

Two South American women, Clara Lopes and Gladys Hen to both aged 28, were sentenced at Middlesex Crown Court resterday to four years' imprisonment for their part in smuggling 2,646 grams of cocaine into Heathrow airport, London, on August 14 last. Judge Solomon said: "To traffic in cocaine is to deal with living death ".

Bitten by rattlesnake

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The commission, under the chairmanship of Sir Brian Flowers, said the responsibility for developing the best strategy for developing the best strategy for developing the best strategy the Labo vantage. "Above all, the Labo vantage." "Above all, the Labo vantage. "Above all, the L Mr John Foden, a curator at Drayton Manor Park Zdo, near Tamworth, Staffordshire,
was seriously ill in hospital
yesterday after being bitten by
a rattlesnake he was feeding.

With those held yesterday a
total of 121 acrests have been
made. The men making their
first appearance at Swindon near Tamworth, Staffordshire,

drugs conspiracy case yesterday were charged that between June, 1973, and March,

Six more arrests in large

with alleged drugs offences, police at Swindon, Wiltshire, said. They declined to say where the arrests had taken place or when charges, if any, would be made. Six men were remanded in custody by Swindon magis-

custody by Swindon magis-trates yesterday until April 7 on a drugs conspiracy charge. They bring to 29 the number of people charged at Swindon, after last week's big police operation, in which the target was said to be an LSD manu-facturing and distributing net-work.

1977, they conspired to contravene the Missue of Drugs
Act, 1971.

In court with them were 20
others, including two doctors, two chemists and on author, who were remanded in custody

earlier.
One was remanded on £500 bail with three £500 sureties and required to surrender his passport and report formightly to police. The orbers were re-manded in outdoody The 20 ind been charged with illegal possession of drugs. Yesterday additional charges were laid against 18 of them,

14 alleging drugs conspiracy, two illegally supplying drugs Looks before personality at first date

Good looks are more vital on impressions, Dr Wilson said. first date than many people Girls, more than boys, tended ealize, Dr. Gien Wilson, of to seek partners with a similar a first date than many people realize, Dr. Glen Wilson, of London University, told the British Psychological Society annual conference in Exeter yesterday.

Many unattractive partners are likely to be rebuffed within two hours of meeting, experiments in computer dating show. Attributes such as intelligence Mortgage interest rates for nearly 2,000 borrowers with Northampton Borough Council Potential lovers or marriage Northampton Borough Council Potential lovers or marriage were cut by 1 per cent to 12 per cent yesterday.

Potential lovers or marriage partners were often put off simply on the basis of first

level of attractiveness to their

A man with an attractive girl is presumed to have desirable characteristics, Dr Wilson said. The girl is more likely to draw the approval of onlookers, perhaps because she is demonstrat-ing that, although attractive, she is more interested in personality than looks.

stimulated by pornographic pic-Dr David Crawford told the conference that sexual offenders at Broadmoor Hospital are being brought into contact with the opposite sex 2s part of 2 new treatment, and women

therapists are acting as guinea-pigs in the method.

Many rapists and other sexual offenders totally lacked social skills, he said, so mock parties, discotheques and bars were set Men are more attracted to up to help patients to make con-physical characteristics and are tact with the opposite sex.

Commissi on butter

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OVERSEAS

From Patrick Brogan

Washington, April 1

tiations in Moscow.

dent's national security adviser,

said this morning that Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, had made inaccurate

was 'inaccurate' in his

Rape victim refuses to give in to fear

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, April 1 Signorine Claudia Caputi, who was attacked by yourbs with razors on Wednesday in an attempt to frighten her into silence, said today that she would continue to give evidence against a gang accused of

banks

would continue to give evidence against a gang accused of raping her last August. From her hospital bed, she asked that the trial of seven of the men charged with rape should be postponed so that she could give evidence against them in person. them in person.
Some 15,000 women took part

in a march last night to express solidarity with her.
Signorina Caputi, aged 18, stated that since she decided to face her attackers in court

she had received many threats, including threats of death. The men who had attacked

her two days ago, she said, had warned her that if she had warned her that if she did not desist she would be shot. She claimed that she recognized her attackers as part of the group which raped her in August.

The case is just beginning to be understood in its full sariousness by public opinion. The Italian public is more at home with crimes which can promptly be given a political label.

The case of Signorina Caputi, however, has sinister

Caputi, however, has simister undertenes which most people would probably sooner forget.

Her attackers on both occasions were youths who are the product of the semi-slums and suburbs of Rome which have grown up as a result of the shift from the countryside to the cities in the postwar period. They belong to the first genera-tion to be brought up in these

surroundings.

These young people are blamed for a large part of the huge increase in violent crime in the city. Political violence has some recognizable morive, however warped. Mindless violence is quite different

Political violence was see blamed for the death last night was a long driver who went to rescre his son under attack by youth's said to be of the extreme

The young man, Enzo Giudici, belongs to the local section of the right-wing Italian Social

British airliner in near miss

Ship with US fighter

Frankfurt: April 1.—A

rical blish airliner was

an American Eighter in bad

shilling over West Germany
day, use Federal Air Safety

nore reported.

A spokesman said the incint happened about 25 miles
of Frankfurt as a Boeing 7 of the Britannoa charter ine from London was flying 31 500fr to Vienna. is was the latest in a series

ar misses between mitii by and civil aircraft reported · rer West Germany. The spokesman said flight nime at Karlsruhe monkored 28,870ft. Then the lower mann suddenly climbed into in the other two. On the dar screen blips repres

e airliner and the fighter The pilot of the British airner had not reported a near iss, the spekesman said, and a official ex United States ir Force headquarters at emstein said no report had een received there either.



Mr Sadat wins aid from Bonn

From Gretel Spitzer
Bonn, April 1
Herr Helmut Schmidt, the
West German Chancellor, has
accepted an invitation to visit
Egypt This was announced by
President Sadat after discus-President Sadat after discussions this morning. He hoped that the visit would take place

He was careful not to com-mir himself on the role of the Palestinians at the conference, however. He believed that the Palestinians had to take part in the conference in one way or another.

sions this morning. He hoped that the visit would take place in December.

Talking to the press after talks, Herr Schmidt and President Sadat agreed that DMZ50m (£62.5m), DMZ00m in President Sadat announced

The mood of the majority re-

mains morose and that of its

Most observers consider that

Gaullist element sceptical and

an opportunity has been missed of striking the popular imagin-

some talk in recent weeks.

brai from the opposition.

to expect.

There are a number of bright

Marc Becan, a Gaullist who won

Quimper for the government majority, and M Jacques

But the appearance of new

comers or the creation of new

What is really new and marks

foreshadowed reconciliation is

likely to be purely superficial

and break down at the first trial

speech to his party's seminar at Les Baux the day before yester-

those one announces, but those

In fact, the Gaullist leader's

who wrested Cam-

1977 offered good chances for bringing about a lasting peace in the Middle East.

Resumption of the Geneva conference this year would offer an opportunity for the possibility to become reality. Herr Schmidt said.

He was careful not to comsuccess of the visit to Moscow by Mr Vance, the American Secretary of State, could delay the solution of other problems such as the Middle East issue. He was rather concerned about developments in the Mediter-

ranean and Africa: There were Mediterranean states such as Libya that made it easier for the Soviet Union to do what it wanted in Egypt's opinion the Mediterranean should be a sea of peace and Africa should be left in peace so that its people could determine developments at their own discretion.

M Barre to stick to his economic policy

From Charles Hargrove Paris, April 1

M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, in a television broadcast tonight that was expected to map the course of his new Government, stated categorically that his economic policy would remain unchanged.

"It would not be intellectually honest or worth of a government.

ally honest or worthy of a gov-ernment to open the sluices, to try to win votes by making the economy run considerable risks", he declared. It was not by demogoguery that the prob-lems of the country could be The new Government's first objective was to pursue eco-nomic recovery. A special effort would, however, be made to

deal with unemployment. Replying to criticism that his new team was more serious than original more solid than brilliant, he retorted that he did nor like gimmicks. The government majority had

elections because it had not re-newed itself enough, he went on. In politics as elsewhere, there was a phenomenon of wear and tear. "The assumption of government responsible lities by young, dynamic and competent men will allow the changing of the guard necessary to ensure the majority's suc-

However, the annountement earlier this evening of M Barre's second team of junior ministers seems haddly likely to impress the public with the vision of a powerful and dynamic new administration, remains of exemples of exemples of the problem. capable of stemming the tide flowing in favor of the left and of bringing retory to the governing minity in 12 months' time.

Italian party line on Nato in doubt

Continued from page 1

socialism should now be strong enough to withstand free dis-cussion. He said he was in favour of the Soviet intervenof striking the popular imagination by bringing into the Cabinet some prominent names with something of a public resonance, such as M Chaban-Delmas, the former Prime Minister and mayor of Bordeaux, of whom there was some talk in recent weeks. rayour of the Soviet interven-tion in Hungary in 1956 be-cause at that time "socialism in Hungary was a weak plant the danger of counter-revolution was strong". Now only minorities would want to abandon socialism abandon socialism.

The achievements of socialist countries had "matured the countries had "matured the countries had the stiorn be given individual freedom. The Italian party believes that this must be the next phase of his-

torical development.
"We are against all restrictions on freedom of travel, freedom of discussion, freedom of assembly", he said. He did not think social democracy posts—like that of the new State Secretary for Research—is not enough to give substance to the notion of renewal and change which President Giscard of success in Russia or East Europe. "It has been overtaken d'Estaing's television broadcast on Monday had led the country

by history s, he said.

Asked whether the Italian Communist Party would resign peacefully if defeated in an election, he replied: "I think we would if we lost the support of the people." He seemed to find this difficult to imagine,

a turning point in the presi-dency of M Giscard d'Estaing is the attitude of M Jacques Chirac and his Gaollists. The however. *Ouce the working class has acquired hegemony and led Italian society out of its almost permanent crisis it would be difficult to envisage anyone wanting regression from a better state of society to a worse state ", he said. day was, without mentioning him by name, highly critical of the President. "Frenchmen", he declared, "are weary of a certain way of talking about reforms. Real reforms are not those one amounces but those

If such an unreasonable view were to prevail, however, would be bow to it? "It is in the logic of our policy that we would", he said.

Mr Carter his yacht

Soviet Union. Mr Brzezinski said

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, April 1 Washington, April 1
President Carter has decided to give up one of the pleasant perks of his office, the yacht Sequoia. It is kept on the Potomac River and presidents in the past have used it to escape the cares of office and to entertain their friends to entertain their friends.

to entertain their friends.

Mr Carter, who has handed the yacht to the Navy, deprived a number of his assistants of their chauffeur-driven cars when he took office. People such as Dr James Schlesinger, who is devising an energy policy, and Mr Jody Powell, the press secretary, drive them.

Smith minister spregasts

war and there is no intention neighbours, he predicted, would on the part of the Government decline in slavery and poverty

ridge said.

Mr Partridge, who took up the defence portfolio three self. While saying he expected weeks ago, was speaking at the war to intensify, he also a press conference which said he would be announcing appeared to be designed to plans to reduce conscription bolster the Defence Ministry's within a matter of weeks. The designed to present level of weeks.

policy, and Mr Jody Powell, the press secretary, drive themselves to work.

Mr Powell explained today that the yacht, which cost \$800,000 (£470,000) a year to run, was used only twice by President Ford last year and twice in 1975. President Nixon used it 31 times in We last war. osed it 31 times in His last year

Mr Mark Partridge, Rhode-

of war "in the normal sense

prisoners of war in terms of the

to give these murderers the

status of soldiers", Mr Part-

dwindling prestige.

'As a result of recent changes

the war is now being prose-cuted by a War Council headed

"We are fighting a terrorist in

From Michael Knipe

Salisbury April 1

Geneva convention.

ridge said.

denunciation of US proposals

Washington says Mr Gromyko

The American Government has decided to return tit for tat after the breakdown of the proposal " he said.
In spite of their brave words, strategic arms limitation negothe American leaders know that they are facing a foreign affairs crisis. The President Zbigniew Brzezinski, the Presi-

artaris crims. The President mounted a large-scale verbal attack on the Soviet Union for its violations of human rights and then revealed publicly the outlines of the radical disarmant proposals he intended to submit.

States yesterday and insisted that the American proposals were reasonable and equitable. President Carter and Mr. Brzezinski have revealed the details of what Mr. Vance, the Secretary of State wornesed in submit.
They called, essentially, for the Russians to give up all their best weapons in exchange for an American promise not to develop new weapons which would be better than the Russian ones, but which are not yet ready for use.
The Russians have turned him down and have raised the question of American shortrange missiles in Europe and their naval bases in Scotland and Spain. details of what Mr Vance, the Secretary of State, proposed in Moscow. Mr Brzezinski said that the proposals would have capped the arms race, that Mr Gromyko had used "strong, inaccurate language" in describing them, and that the United States would not abandon its allies in Europe nor its policies on human rights in the Soviet Union.

Our Moscow Correspondent writes: The failure of Mr Vance's Moscow mission came American side had not expected that the Russians would accept as no surprise to American dip-lomats here. They had advised Mr Vance from the outset that his property the proposals immediately the proposals immediately because they went much farther than Vladivostok and "unlike previous proposals,

able to the Soviet Union as they reatly remarks and the some time for the Soviet leaders to appreciate the mutual advantages of this most the exemption of the

Cruise missile from the American missile count. President Carter's initiatives on human rights in the Soviet Union seemed almost deliberately timed to add to Mr Vance's problems and destroy any remaining hope of serious progress in negotiations. Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, said as much at the opening session Monday morning. Even

though formally there was no link between the issues, and this was also made clear from the tone of the Soviet press. Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes : Mr Vance and Dr Owen, writes: Mr vance and Dr Owe, the Foreign Secretary, have confirmed the close identity of views between their two gov-ernments on Rhodesia and ernments on Rhodesia and southern Africa as a whole, Mr Vance had a long discussion at the Foreign Office yesterday-morning and left for Paris after

Mr Vance said he would be meeting Dr Owen again, after the Foreign Secretary's African tour, to decide how to proceed

his proposals on strategic arms Guards beat off coup

Ndjamena, Chad, April 1.— Security forces crushed an attempted coup against Presi-dent Felix Malloum of Chad here today after a battle out-side the presidential palace. Lieutenant Mahmoud Abderhaman, the Justice Minister, announced in a radio broadcast.

A colonel was killed and about a dozen other troops wounded in the attempt to assassinate the President, but the attack was quickly broken up, Lieutenant Abderbaman

Some reports said a young heutenant leading about 60 men from Chad's French-armed paramilitary camel corps, the Garde Nomade, had been arrested after two unsuccessful assaults with troops using bazookas, machineguns and

armoured vehicles. According to the official communique read by Lieutenant Abderhaman, the armed Abderhaman, me strackers included a second named Brahim

sians were inviting an atomic

holocaust by their expansionism in Africa. Rhodesia's Marxist

Mr Partridge appeared at times, to be contradicting him-

plans to reduce conscription within a matter of weeks. The present level of conscription was "higher than our economic

activity can sustain for a long

while Rhodesia would from strength to strength".

attempt in Chad Abakar Koumba, the communiqué said. General Malloum, who was

reported to be safe, later left for Brazzaville, the Congolese capital to attend the funeral of Major Marien Ngouabi, the Congolese President, who was shot dead on March 18. After he left a nine-hour

curfew was imposed on the city, which was reported to be calm as night fell. Guards surrounded the palace, but the airport remained open.

General Malloum came to power in a military coup two years ago when President Tombalbaye was assassinated. Last year, on the first anniversary of the coup, eight people died in a bomb attack on General Malloum. Four members of the Chad National Liberation Front were sentenced to death last week for their part in the attack.

Quebec to by Mr Smith, the Prime Minisbilingualism ter, a Minister of Combined Operations, a supreme military

sia's new Defence Minister, said today that he expects the guerilla conflict to "get worse and Order." Quebec, April 1.-The Parti Quebecois Government today would introduced legislation requiring obliged widespread use of French in 'education and private business throughout the province. "There will no longer be any question of a bilingual However the Government did culty in clarifying this complex division of responsibility.

The began the televised press question of a bil Quebec", the Bill states. and would not treat captured conference with an attack on African nationalist guerrillas as communism and said the Rus-

Mr Camilie Laurin, the Cultural Development Minister, told the provincial assembly that the Government intended to promote "vigorous assertion of the primacy of the French language in Quebec."

tord the provincial assembly that the Government intended to promote "vigorous assertion of the primacy of the French language in Queber."

Under the proposal children would have to enroll in French schools unless at least one parent was educated in an English language school in Queber if one parent receive in the Corp. English language educational desired Quebec, the chinglish be allowed to emesse was in school only if heav was enac Quebec when Quebec when

Britain to sound out opinions on Amin visit

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspon

Diplomatic Correspondent
The attitudes of Commonwealth countries towards President Amin will be one of the
main issues to be discussed by
Lord Thomson, the former REC
commissioner, on his tour of
Commonwealth countries, which
starts today.

Commonwealth countries, which starts today.

As the Prime Minister's personal emissary, he will visit Australia, Singapoore, Malaysia, India, Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Ghana and Nigeria, returning to London on April 22. A second tour in May will include Canada, Barbados, Guyana, Trinidad and Jamaica. It may be noted that Lord Guyana, Trinidad and Jamaica. It may be noted that Lord Thomson is not intending to visit Uganda while in Africa. Formally, the purpose of his tour, following previous precedents, is to discuss the agenda for the Commonwealth conference in Lordon in Luna The

for the Commonwealth conference in London in June. The underlying motive, however, is to sound out Commonwealth countries about President Amin's proposal to attend the conference in person.

Downing Street denied as "totally untrue" a report yesterday that Mr Callaghan had ordered that President Amin should be refused entry if he landed in Britain. The Government is aware of the great risk of upsetting African countries by seeking to bar an African leader who, moreover, has recently been in the chair of the Organization of African Unity.

Unity.

Its policy, on the contrary, is to proceed slowly and cautiously in the expectation that, in the end, President Amin will himself decide not to come to himself decide not to come to

London. The Government is taking the precaution, however, of sounding out Commonwealth cointries, as tactfully as possible, on their views. It would certainly feel surer about its course of action if the preponderant feeling among Commonwealth. ing among Commonwealth countries was against President

Amin coming.

This was what Mr Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, meant in his letter, reported in The Times yesterday, stating that feelings throughout the Commonwealth would be taken into account nearer the time, when the Government would have to decide whether to allow President whether to allow President Amin to enter the country. This represented the firmest hint yet given by the Foreign Office that if the Government felt justified, it might bar President

It remains a delicate diplomatic manoeuvre, all the same. It is easy enough to stop President Amin, but there would effect broke up the conference if not the Commonwealth itsel. Although his fellow African leaders may disapprov of President Amin in privat, they would almost certain feel obliged to support him in

As Dr Owen, to Foreign Secretary, has sal there is still plenty of tir-

Backgroup of Vance

EEC Commission tightens rules on butter subsidy

rom Michael Hornsby

kussels, April 1 Mr Finn Olay Gundelach, the uropean Commissioner for Ficulture, announced measres today to plug a loophole the Commission's controls ver cut-price exports of surplus

After the controversial sale f 36,000 tonnes of butter to be Soviet Union last month, be Commission introduced a aw monitoring system whereby pplications for "pre-fixed" port subsidies were made abject to prior approval.
A pre-fixed subsidy is graned to a trader to cover a mure deal up to at least five annhs ahead. This gives him a marantee that the level of the absidy will not be changed be ween the conclusion of the sale

Hitherto no prior approval sas required for subsidies granted on a spot basis. Now,

Seven held after

kidnap victim

Turin, April 1.—Signor Carlo Bongiovanni, aged 28, who was kidnapped on March 3, arrived at a police station last night and said that he had managed.

to escape from his abductors.

Police raided a cellar in central Turin where Signor Bongiovanni, the son of a fin-

ancier, said he had been held in captivity. Seven people were

arrested and charged with kid-

Police said that Signor Bongio

ranni was in good condition. He told police that two men had

controlled him all the time in

the collar where he had adhesive tape over his eyes and

wax in his ears.—AP.

escape of

according to Mr. Gundelach, there was adapted that large quantities of butten might be sold with the aid of sort subsidies. This was because of loopholes in lational custums procedures which reduced the time gas between contract and deliver.

deliver.
Forthis reason, the Commission and decided to estend its monitoring system to include applications for both pot and are first subsidies. fied subsidies. Mr Gradelach disclosed also that he Commission hd de-cided to reduce the unter export susidy from its present 2510 tone to zero until ion-day, whe the position would

rhviewd. the estimated that this year the tracking of sorphus butter could still total 300,000 to

Chardonn the Latin Quarter since the of February have

been giv0 days from today, by ordera Paris judge, to

writer a member of the

French my, to work out

the cons of the evacua-

Fathergo applied to the

authoriz the Archbishop

rion with parties.

Sympathy strikes close most of Danish press

From Our Correspondent Copenhagen, April 1 Unofficial sympathy strikes stopped practically all Danish newspapers today as printing workers expressed support for the 1,000 printers who have been dismissed by the Berlingske group The strikers have declared that they will not return to work until a settle-ment is reached in the Berlingske conflict, which has prevented publication of about 25 per cent of Danish news-

paper circulation since January The only newspapers to publish today were trade union organs, one independent newspaper, and the business daily Boysen, which is printed by the trade union newspapers. the tracking of surflus butter Employees of commercial 350,000 rdunes even assuming export of 105,000 to 110,000 tonnes and measures to boost consumote within the EEC.

should be taken over the affair.

Ten days ago, M Jean Regnault, the vice-president of the Paris tribunal, inocated his

preference for the appointment of a mediator. The appulsion of the traditionalists, he said, "would create an unpeasant situation for all concerned."

But he reserved his final

In his final verdict, he reled

that, if the traditionalists would

not hear reason, they could be

compelled to leave by a bailiff,

assisted by a police commis-

traditionalists

From Owwn Correspondent of Paris, Cartinal Marty, to do

Paris, Ar 1

The litionalist Roman special meeting of some eight Catholics have occupied parish priests in Paris to consult them on the action that

courts week for an sioner and the military, it expulsion. He had been necessary.

The

by order a Paris judge, to the Paris inbunal, inc.

Evacuateoluntarily. preference for the ap

If the refuse, Father of a mediator. The
Bellego, parish priest, is
authorized on the police would create an it
to expelm by force. The situation for all co
judge inted M Jean But he reserved
Guitton, ominent Catholic decision until today.

ing to add pressure to the claims of Denmark's graphic unions in collective bargaining. Negotiations for a new twoyear contract have reached deadlock and the unions claim that the employers organizations have totally ignored their requests and views and that, under the leadership of the Berlineske group, they have launched a total war on the printing unions.

newspapers was poorly timed. The walk-out came last night as the newspapers were going to press. Almost simultaneously there was an announcementhat contact had been made between the Danish council of trade unions and the confederation of employers to discuss ways of ending the Berlingske Traitionalists ordered to leave church

unlikely to leave of their own

a church where they can hear

Mass in Latin according to the

preconciliar rite of St Pius V. If they were expelled by force

one of their leaders said, they

would occupy another church.
Some of them even threatened
to occupy Notre Dame.
Cardinal Marty said in a
sermon in the cathedral recently

that, while he was ready to

acknowledge some of the traditionalists' demands and to

Gregorian plainsong available

for those who wanted them, he

refused to give official sanc-

tion to the schism in the

church, or to create a tradi-tionalist "reservation" by

tionalist "reservation" by giving them a place of worship

The strikers are also intend-

Spokesmen for the publishers have replied that the strike action involving the country's

New quake hits Iranian city

In brief

Moscow, April 1.-An earthquake measuring 7.0 on the

A series of earthquakes in the same area of south-eastern livan killed 83 people on March 22. Bandar Abbas was the hardest hit city.

quiry into the activities of three leading figures—Mr Demirel the Prime Minister, Mr Me^{LR}, the Defence Minister, and General Semih Sancar, chief of the Consent Seriff the General Staff.

Strike stops Aights

Arthens, April 1.—Olympic Air says today cancelled flights to Augraha, South Africa, the United States and Canada, and on six domestic routes, because of a continuing strike by pilots. Demonstration deaths

Karachi April 1.—Three people were killed in fighting when sewige was thrown over women taking part in an anti-Government demonstration in Nawabshah, Sind province, sources said here.

Fears for Javan tiger

Morges, Switzerland, April 1. -The Javan tiger is in immin-ent danger of extinction with only four or five surviving, according to a report by the World Wildlife Fund and the Indonesian Government,

Israel accuse of secret extradition

Jerusalem, April 1 The parents of a

German woman, who is more held incommunicado on sus-

held incommunicado on susthan a year in Isoved in an
picion of being wip an El Al
airliner in Nairobi, today
accused the West. German,
Israel and Kenya Governments
of withholding the news of their
daughter's arrest and transfer
to Israel.

Francein Birgita Schulz,
aged 23 and he friend, Herr
Tomas Renter, aged 24, are to
be tried by secret court soon
with three Arab prisoners on
charges membership of a
hostile aganization and endangering the public safety.

The Arabs are alleged to Richter scale struck the Iranian ciry of Bandar Abbas roday, Tass reported from Teheran. Many buildings were destroyed, but there was no immediate report of casualties.

Turkish bribes inquiry Ankara, April 1.—A parlia-mentary committee considering possible Lockheed bribes in forkey recommended an in-

Arab world. This was announced at a press

Syrian who was formerly Beirut daily An-Nahar.

said his plans were based on a feasibility study by the Economist Intelligence Unit. for publishing the newspaper in London was to escape censorship and political pressures in

Arab countries.

were armed with Soviet Strela shoulder-missiles which had been supplied to them with the knowledge of President Amin of Uganda.

Fraulein Schulz and Herr Reuter were arrested when they arrived in Nairobi three later. It is alleged that Fräulein Schulz was found to have sabotage instructions written in invisible ink on her instructions abdomen. The five suspects were held by Kenya security agents but later transferred to

Frau Inge Schulz, who with her husband yesterday visited their daughter at an undis-Arabs are alleged to closed rendezvous, told a press The Arabs are alleged to closed rendezvous, told a press haw been arrested in Nairobi on conference that after Birgitta mauary 18, 1976, while waiting and Herr Reuter disappeared

on the perimeter of Nairobi in January, 1976, the two airport from an El Al aircraft to land. It is claimed they were armed with Soviet Strela shoulder-missiles which had been supplied to them with the knowledge of President Amin also alleged that Birgitta had been tortured while under interrogation in Kenya in the presence of Israel security

After referred to the possibility that Birgitta might have been moved to Israel, a letter was sent to the West German Embassy in Tel Aviv on December 1. More than a month later a reply was received saying that neither the police nor the prison auth-Fraulein Schultz or of Herr Reuter being held in Israel

Arabic paper to be launched in London

By Edward Mortimer A daily newspaper in Arabic is to be launched in London this autume. It will be the only such newspaper outside the

conference in London by the prospective publisher and editor, Mr Riad El-Rayyes, a senior correspondent on the Mr El-Rayyes, who is now chairmann of the newly-formed

Portico group of companies. He explained that his reason

Rightists claim capture of Lebanese border villages

the Israeli border were reported to have been captured by the leftist-Palestinian alliance. Right-wing militiamen ap-

peared to be stepping up a protracted offensive aimed at taking control of the entire frontier The Falangist radio reported that rightist fighters had taken

the villages of Elida, Meiss ej

Jabal, Markaba and Deir sources said the report was based only on rumours. Yesterday, informed sources

said the right-wingers had overrun the leftist stronghold of Taybeh, near Deir es-Sirian.

Beirut, April 1.—Four The first three of the hamlets southern Lebanese villages near reported to have been captured today are dotted along the north-south road running parato have been captured by liel to the barbed wire fence right-wing units today after which forms the Lebaneso-fierce fighting with forces of Israeli border. Deir es-Sirian is a few miles from Beaufort, the

a rew miles from Beautor, the ancient crusader castle still held by leftists and Palestinians. Beautort Castle has a commanding view over the vailey of the river Litani, widely regarded as the "red line" beyond which Israel has said it would not tolerate any nonwould not tolerate any non-Lebanese Arab forces. The civil war in most parts of Lebanon ceased on Novem-

es-Sirian, But Palestinian ber 15 when the Arab League peace keeping force, compris-ing mostly Syrian regulars, moved into main combat zones to separate the opposing units. But so far the force has not been deployed south of the

Prisoner on

to stay in an

over the weekend than to pay

The judge told Brian Mere-

dith, of Castlefields, Oswestry,

his return fare to Oswestry.

remand

By Clive Borrell

of public funds.

hotel

Man in the news: DPP under more scrutiny A lawyer who has some special credentials

By Marcel Berlins

Legal Correspondent Mr Tony Hetherington (no one calls him by his real first name Thomas) takes over the office of Director of Public Prosecutions at a time when it is increasingly becoming the subject of public scrutiny and debate, as are individual decidebate, as are individual decisions made by the director.

With proposals from a number of directions that there ber of directions that mele should be a change in the pro-secution system in England and Wales and a review of the exist-ing functions of the DPP, Mr Hetherington is likely to find himself far more in the public limelight and the subject of controversy than any of his produces of the produced of the public of the public

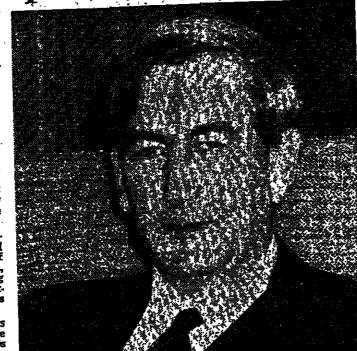
For the past two years he has been the deputy Treasury Solici-tor. His most important credentials for the job of DPP, however, come from his 13 years in the Law Officers' department, between 1962 and department, between 1902 and 1975, for the last nine years of which he was legal secretary. That post, well hidden from the public, is important and influential. Legal secretary to the Attorney General and Solicitor General is the nearest thing to a permanent secretary, which that department has.

important decisions which the Attorney General has to take. They include some of the most sensitive and politically highly charged questions of the Attor-ney General's discretion in the criminal, civil and constitu-

During his period with the Law Officers, Mr Hetherington was intimately involved in the decision-making process on such diverse issues at whether to release the terrorist, Leika Khaled, to prosecute Mr John Poulson, or to take contempt proceedings against *The Sunday Times* for one of its thatidomide

He had special responsibili-ties in the field of terrorism and hombing, including most of hombing, including most of England's bomb prosecutions, and was instrumental in setting up the separate DPP's department that Northern Ireland has

While with the Law Officers he worked in constant and close relationship with the DPP's department, and will come to his new job, on May 16, with rather more knowledge of its difficulties than most appointers to contain a prointers.



Mr Thomas Hetherington in his office in London yesterday.

he Attorney General and Soli-itor General is the nearest hing to a permanent secretary, which that department has. He reports and advises on all

Only 1,000 cinemas may remain next year

By Our Acts Reporter

A warning that there could be fewer then 1,000 cinemas in Britain next year is given in the monthly journal of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Tech-

The journal says that already there are no more than 1,500, compared with Italy's 10,000. A report by the union's film production branch says that the British film industry is in acute need of government help.

A resolution for debate at the union's annual conference this weekend says the tax on each cinema seat sold should be directed to the purpose for which it was introduced, to provide finance for British film production.

The resolution recommends a cut-off point after which the money would no longer accrue to the named film but would be credited to the producer. It would not be released to him outil he started another produc-

general film production fund.

Moher accuses combune over missin baby

Members of a London primal the y commune, known locally n Brixton as "The Screal rs", were accused by a you mother in the Family Division of the High Court yesterday of elping her estranged husband keep on the move with their aughter, of 15 mouths. By Our Health Services

Judge Baker suthorized and publicity to try to it aged ristopher Minus Hyd tall, with his more than 6ft hair a company than a company the company than a com tall, with is more and balk the little finger of his left hand

The judge was told that since leaving the commune in Villa Road, Brixton, in January with his daughter, Julia Melinda, he had travelled with her to other primal therapy communes in southern Ireland, Glassow and Sweden. The gill travelled in a carrier on her father's back. Her mother, Mrs Waltraud Hyde, aged 27, who was born in Germany, of St Agnes Place, Kennington, London, said she believed they had also been to Cologne, Amsterdam and Paris, supported by commune members, but that they might now be back in England.

Corrections

The Crafts Advisory Committee points out that its Government grant for 1976-77 was £670,000, not £730,000 as given in official figures from which our report was taken on Wednesday. Those omitted to state that last year's grant to the crafts included Scotland, but this year's (£770,000) is for England and Wales only. A report on the Budget on March O suggested that the Department f Education and Science was not involved in the plan to train extra mathematics and science teachers. The department, which is respon-sible for teacher training, is in-volved in discussions about the training programme but the Department of Employment is pay-

'No room for separate policies'

From Martin Huckerby
Elgin
The Government's rejection
of economic powers for a
Scottish assembly was reaffirmed yesterday by Mr John
Smith, Minister of State, Privy
Council Office, at the annual
conference of the Convention of Scottish Local authorities

(Cosla).
"There is no room within a single domestic market for separate economic policies", he said, indicating that the inter-party talks on devolution are highly unlikely to change the Government's mind on that

Nevertheless, he said later would that the Liberal Party's pro-posals for an assembly to be time.

given taxation powers were in a different category. The Government had undertaken to discuss the issue thoroughly with the Liberals in the talks taking place next week.

The Government sees little chance of devolution legislation

being passed in the present Parliamentary session and even the inter-party talks seem cer-tain to continue for a long time. Mr Smith could give no indi-cation of when the talks might finish; he said the pact between the Labour Corporate and the the Labour Government and the Liberals had complicated matters. He emphasized, however, that the Government would to go ahead with legislation on devolution at some

ference appeared unenthustastic about many aspects of devolu-tion. Sir George Sharp, presi-dent of Cosla, was well sup-ported when he expressed a personal doubt that the Scottish people really wanted an

Like several other speakers he could not see how an assembly in Edinburgh could avoid "poking its finger" into local Government affairs.

The Rev Geoffrey Shaw, convenor of Strathclyde Regional Council, said he would strongly resist any move towards centra-lization, whether it was in Edinburgh, Westminster or

Child aid 'might cut adult mental illness'

From Our Social Services Correspondent Manchester

Manchester

Much mental illness among adults might be avoided if social workers learned to respond effectively to children at crisis points in their lives, Mrs Claire Winnicott, former director of child care studies at the Home Office, said in Manchester last night.

chester last night.
She told delegates to the child

BMA challenge

demand for pris to meet the

The board was practice.

garet Spencer Convalescent Hospital at Dallington, the Pitsford House Geriatric Hospital,

More than 12,000 people staff redundant by operating

Wellingborough Cottage Hospital and Corby Maternity Unit. Closure of Creaton Hospital,

which deals mainly with chest ailments, is being considered.

legality of pay

bed proposals

hospitals.

treats as a psychotherapist. All but three had suffered early Once matters began to go

wrong, the difficulty had per-petuated itself so that there was almost no escape without help, and possibly not then. Parients needed help to enable them to live more harmoniously with elves and others and to avoid mental illness or suicide.
Their early traumas mainly
involved the breakup of their and family conference of the involved the breakup of their British Association of Social parents, marriage parents for 12 young adult parients she leading to chaotic home life.

find that the illness pattern of the adult mentally ill patient had been laid down in infancy and in early problems of relating to other people, in the first place to the mother."

the point of crisis to recognize that the child had feelings about what was going on, per-hops some of the chock and trauma might have been

absorbed time benefit of Peter Stanswood, or rotal scheme, reducing husbands tax concessions and paying cash to concessions. Decline in medical teaching feared

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent Consultants who teach in British medical schools said yesterday that there might be a serious decline in standards of The British Medical Associahealth care in the next 10 years tion yesterday challenged the legality of a Health Services neatta care in the next to years
unless policies were changed.
Dr Kenneth MacLean, chairman of the University Hospitals
Association, which represents
the 26 teaching hospitals in
England and Wales, said leganty of a health Services
Board proposal in circulars to
health authorities that more
pay beds and consulting room
facilities should be withdrawn
from National Health Service
heartiels adequate beds must be ensured so that students could be given proper experience in the In a letter to Lord Wigoder, airman of the board, the asso-pion says that in making pro-the the board must, under

British tradition. Teaching hospitals were facing a cut in resources that into actake important factors board met lu particular, the nhibited new developments in are adequaensure that there the health servalities outside should be tried out and put into practice. We must ensure that we phase our more than using to in addition to the th beds, already being closed as a rand of the Act.

have a fair share of the cake." Dr MacLean said. "In the past year or two there has been a tendency to take money away from university teaching hospi-tals."

the circumstances, but the pro-cess should be monitored. We must try to have a career in our university hospitals for our postgraduates in medicine so that they stay in this country."

Britain must maintain facilities for first-class research and for teaching undergraduates. If standards were allowed to fall too far, standards throughout the health service would suffer. because the next generation of doctors would not be as well taught as the last. The association believed that there had already, been some deteriora-

It has made its fears known to Sir Henry Yellowiess, the Chief Medical Officer, and to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service.

Mr George Bunton, lecturer in clinical surgery at Univer-sity College Hospital, London, said that the time scale of the

The association had great royal commission was worrying.

The careful and objective drawrow with that because of It would be two or three years ing of constinency boundaries by before it reported and probably another three years before action on many recommendations might be taken.

The association said the loss

of autonomy previously enjoyed by university hospitals, and the studifying effect of reorganization had produced an amosphere in which incentive and ability to make progress migh not survive.

The chaotic state of pay policy for the medical profes-sion, which had produced loss of reasonable differentials, had contributed to falling morale. Elt is in the university centres that most of the advances in medical science have been made. It must be have been made. It must be clearly realized that the cuts in standards will, in the long term, mean that Britain will continue to lose its prestige not only in Europe but in the world ", the association said.

Lack of funds heans four Health fears or price rises hospitals will have so close 'unlikely to deter smokers'

Four hospitals in Northamptonshire are to be closed because of lack of funds. The staff of the other hospitals had also objected. The health authority voted yesterday to go ahead with the closures despite objections from various organizations as well as the public.

The hospitals are the Marphaever of State for Social Services, who will decide when the closures will take place. deterred by higher prices or by warnings of health dangers, Dr Sidney Chave, senior lecturer in community health at the Lon-don School of Hyziene and Tropical Medicine, has told a

Tropical Medicine, has told a Commons inquiry into preventive medicine.

The inquiry is expected to recommend further government action to mitigate the effects of smoking on health. The Commons Expenditure Committee publishes its report on Monday, the day the cost of cigarettes will increase by 4p for 20 under the Chancellor's Budget proposal. Mr Gordon Robert chairman of the authority, say yesterday: "The move can of result in a further deterioratio of Northamptonshire's host all services, with longer wairiblists for treatment. We will take every step to avoid making easeff redundant by operating

In evidence Dr Chave sug-gested that a mass anti-smoking campaign was less likely to succeed that studies to identify

Smokers are unlikely to be "target groups" of special con-eterred by higher prices or by cern who might be subjected to erunings of health dangers, Dr specially prepared health education programmes.

education programmes.

An expectant mother was likely to be receptive to the knowledge that by smoking she was puring her unborn child at risk Teachers might be another target. The battle against smoking in schools would not be won until they became hon-smoking communities.

Wall kills woman Mrs Pauline Timmins, Aged 29, was killed yesterday when high winds caused a vall to topple onto her at West Brom-wich, West Midlands. Two children with her were injured.

signed a petition objecting to early redundant by operating signed a petition objecting to early redrements and natural the proposed closure of the wastage. But the threat of Corby Maternity Unit, as redundancies cannot be ruled women would have to travel out."

By a Staff Reporter

Members of the National "racialists" seeking to address
Union of Teachers, who meet
at Eastbourne next Saturday for with or cooperate with memtheir annual conference, are to bers of racialist organizations; discuss for the first time a

Teachers' union to discuss

first motion on racialism

branch and seconded by North London, calls on the conferdeclare its opposition to the "mounting wave of attacks on the black community", to fight to protect the employment rights of minority groups and to adopt certain policies to oppose

motion on racialism.

The motion which has been proposed by the Waudsworth propagating "racialist and propagating "racialist and imperialist ideas"; and giving children from minority cultures instruction in their native first

The conference will give the Government the union's opinion of the "great debate" on education when it discusses a motion on "educational stanacialism dards, opportunities and the They include the exclusion needs of society".

A lot of people fooled for some of the time

By Kenneth Gosling The pranksters sprang predictably into action yesterday, fooling a fair proportion of the population some of the time with a variety of spurious information.

Radio was well in the lead in the April fool league, although The Guardian's seven-page sup-plement on the tenth anniver-sary of the independence of 'San Serriffe" ran the stations a close second. It is probably the first time in newspaper history that genuine advertising has been attracted to an entirely fictitious subject. Radio Merseyside interviewed the owner of a "bionic" borse much favoured for the Grand

National because it had had a broken leg bone replaced with

to get more spring
Radio Carlisle's "scoop" was that Wordsworth's Dove Cottage was being sold to an American and shipped brick by brick to Arizona. Radio Stoke had an interview with Mr Phil Drabble, described as the owner of an Alsatian dog capable of feeding new-born lambs with a bottle. Radio Leeds disclosed a plan to demolish City Square and ship the Black Prince's statue

to the Arabs, with 30p-a-gallon petrol for local citizens as a auid pro quo. The national networks also did well. BBC Radio 1 had a breakfast-time beauty contest and the Today programme on Radio 4 tried to persuade listeners, abetted by Mr Tom

a plastic one, thus enabling it Jackson, of the Union of Post to get more spring

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about a river in the north of about a river in the noth of England having amazing properties, including the ability to make hair grow; and members of the public, not to be outdone by the professionals, rang up zoos asking for Mr G. Raffe, Mr C. Lyon, Mr L. E. Phant, Mr Albert Ross and Mr E. Guil.

In the Evening Standard last In the Evening Standard last pight Mr Mark Hosenball au-nounced that he had accepted the Home Secretary's deporta-

dard rice.

Leavy to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

Serion 12 provines: "(1) Where a taxable person supplies good or services and the surply is zero-rated... (a) no tax shall be charged on the supply... and ... the rate at which tax is treated as charged on the supply shall be nil. (2) A supply of guids or services is zero-rated... If the goods or services are of a dard r.c. tion order and was preparing to leave for The Guardian's island of San Serriffe.

DIRECT ELECTIONS

Three alternatives to 'first past the post'

Consequences of a new system of voting 'difficult to foresee'

election systems mentioned

in the White Paper are:

United Kingdom.

on a regional basis.

1. Simple majority system. as at present used in the

representation, probably

3. Single transferable vote.

mandate, under which a

the European Assembly

and at Westminster.

4. Combination of one of the

above with compulsory dual

The White Paper on direct elections to the European Assembly set out the possibility in the White Paper are: of a system of proportional representation, but reaches no Because train fares between Salop and London are so high, Mr Justice Donaldson decided

conclusions.

By way of background to the White Paper the Government points out that article 138 (3) of the Treaty of Rome provided for a system of elections to the assembly on the basis of "direct universal suffrage in accordance with a uniform procedure for all member states". in the High Court yesterday that it would be cheaper to keep a prisoner in an hotel in London

that he could be granted bail to answer a contempt of court charge on Monday and stay over the weekend in London out The return fare would cost more than £16 and the service from Oswestry is so infrequent that Mr Meredith would have to start travelling on Sunday to arrive in London in time for his court appearance on Monday

The cost of three night's accommodation even at one of London's cheapest hotels would xceed the return fare. exceed the return fare.

Although social security officials last night refused to discuss Mr Meredith's case, all said that he would be found accommodation during the weekend and be given spending

universal suffrage in accordance with a uniform procedure for all member states."

The European Assembly is very different from the Westminster Parliament, the White Paper says, in that it has no independent legislative functions, and a government is not formed from its members. "However, it does have certain limited powers in relation to the Community budget, and it has the power to dismiss the whole of the European Commission." The present nominated assembly has 198 members, of whom 36 represent the United Kingdom.

When directly elected, the essembly will have 410 members, with 81 from the United Kingdom. "Direct elections have increasingly been seen as an important means of strengthening democratic participation in Community affairs."

A Green Paper on direct elections was presented to Parliament in February, 1976, and a select committee, set up after a Commons debate in March, 1976, has produced three reports, which have been of great assistance to the Government in their consideration of these difficult matters."

The nine EEC member states agreed on September 20 last that procedures for the first direct elections should be governed by the national provisions of each member state. The substantive provisions of the agreement would not come into force until all member states had completed their respective constitutional requirements.

The agreed intention was that the first direct elections should weekend and be given spending money. His meals would be provided but no one was able to estimate the total cost to the department of his stay in London. All estimated that the cost could be greater than the return fare. Mr Meredith had been at Iuesday when he surrended to the police after learning that Mr Justice Melford Stevenson respective constitutional respurements.

The agreed intention was that the first direct elections should be held in the period May-June, 1978. But in recognition of possible legislative difficulties, and binding date was set.

The Government has undertaken to use its best endeavours to be ready for elections by May-June, 1978, and the Queen's Speech of last November contained a commitment to introduce legislation in the present session of Parliament. The White Paper states:
There are fundamental constitutional issues involved in direct had ordered him to be jailed

hearing.
Mr Meredith faces contempt of court proceedings for not appearing to answer allegations that he broke an order not to molest Mrs Janice Morris, of Prince Street, Oswestry.

not attending a court

Animal suffering in tests 'lessened

Many animals used in experiments were better cared for and in a healthier condition than domestic animals, the con-gress of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association was told yesterday.
Mr Michael Peretz, president

of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, also said there had been a great reduction in animal suffering during experiments.

Woman loses plea Mrs Elizabeth Thompson

aged 37, of Waterlooville, Hampshire, who was jailed for

in the present session of Parliament. The White Paper states: There are fundamental constitutional issues involved in direct elections to the European Assembly. It is the view of the Government that before legislation is introduced, there should be debate in Parliament and in the country in which all aspects of the matter are considered. The purpose of this White Paper is to put the issues involved before the Parliament and the people of the United Kingdom. The electoral system: The White Paper says: The United Kingdom has a distinctive electoral system which has developed gradually over the last one and a haif centuries, and which is different from that of any other EEC member state. It has stood the test of time, and it is well understood by the electorate at large and by the electorate of the constituency is a fundamental part of our traditional electoral part of the elector votes for a particular candidate in the clear knowledge that the careful and objective drawof preference.
"This system gives maximum influence to the elector, who is able to express a preference between the different candidates of the party of his choice, as well of the party of his choice, as well as between the candidates of other parties." other parties."

The system would retain the concept of the constituency; there might be about a dozen, each returning between three and ten members, depending on the size of the electorate. of the electorate.

ing of constituency boundaries by statutory boundary commissions, with the right of electors to challenge proposed boundaries, and the need for Parliament's subsequent approval, has become part of our democratic process. These traditional practices should not be charged or curtailed for direct be changed or curtailed for direct elections "except after the most careful consideration of the present and future implications of such a ster

Under the present system the selection of candidates tends to be decentralized and exercised by the local constituency. Both the party organizations and selection of candidates will be affected by of candidates will be affected by a move to direct elections to the European Assembly, whatever form of electoral practice emerges. Most of our EEC partners use some form of proportional representation for national elections (the White Paper describes those in an annex). For elections to the European Assembly, it seems likely that apart from the Republic of Ireland, they will use some form of list system (Ireland adhering to its single transferable vote ing to its single transferable vote

system). "Thus, if we use our traditional simple majority system . . there will be significant differences between our procedure and that of the other eight countries who will be electing members to the same

organizations in this procedure to the fullest possible extent.

Complisory dual mandate: Since the establishment of the EEC, assembly members have been nominated by national parliaments, and drawn, solely from their members. A vegnirement that directly elected members of the European Assembly should be members of the House of Compons is known as "the compulsary dual mandate".

It would minimize the risk of divergences between assembly

divergences between assembly members and other Westminster members of the same party. With out it, assembly members not in Westminster work tend to be out of touch with divelopments there

Another consideration is the characteristic of the present British system to magnify swings of electoral opinion in terms of seats won or lost. In the context of European elections, that might be regarded as a "less desirable feature", especially if the small

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"and might regire themselves as
owing a primary allegiance to
European rather han national
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On the other hald, the strain
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could be great, though it could
be reduced by changes in
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not coinciding with assembly elections.

Whatever election and the system to bed, it, would be important to chaire a democratic procedure for the selection of caudidates, and to involve the constituency party organizations in this procedure to

majority electoral system; to change to a list system of proportional representation, probably on a regional basis; to change to STV; or to combine one of those electoral systems with the compulsory dual mandate.

Each of these possibilities has some attractions. But each also presents serious difficulties. Before coming to a conclusion on this, the Government wishes to 2. List system of proportional

Before coming to a conclusion on this, the Government wishes to listen to the views expressed in Parliament and elsewhere.

But it considers that whatever system is used for direct elections in the rest of the United Kingdom, those in Northern Ireland should be conducted "by a system of proportional representation" member would serve both in proportional representation".
Response to select committee: The Response to select committee: The select committee recommended that the first elections be conducted on the basis of the normal simple majority system. If that is to be the basis, the Government will wish to see the following arrangements on points raised by the committee.

For the first elections the Government proposes to accept the select committee's recommendation on the allocation of seats. That would give England 6 seats, Scotland eight, Wales four and Northern Ireland three. For subsequent elections the allocation of seats and determination of houndaries could be referred to a Speaker's conference on electoral law. number of assembly constituencies (81, against 635 in Westminster) fulther distorted the distribution of seats in relation to votes cast.

"There is a further point finat, particularly if assembly elections fell midway between general elections to Westminster, there could be a wide divergence between the balance of power at Westminster and the party composition of the

balance of power at Westminster and the party composition of the United Kingdom members of the European Assembly." In a developing situation, that could lead to friction between the assembly members and the Government, or even between the Government and the assembly itself. It would be possible to resolve some of these problems by adopting a system of proportional representation for elections to the European Assembly. law. The Government agrees with the select committee that the European Assembly constituence should be formed by grouping present parliamentary constituencies; and that the number of electors in each of the Europear Assembly constituencies should be approximately equal, with some exceptions for geographical

ing a system of proportional representation for elections to the European Assembly. Since the European Assembly does not constitute a legislature or provide a government, and since its members do not have the same constituency responsibilities as a Westminster MP, proportional representation ... might not be open to the same objections as proportional representation for the Westminster Parliament. A different institution might warrant a different form of election.

The adoption of a list system would bring the United Kingdom into line with most of its European partners, and would ensure that the allocation of seats was more proportional to the votes cast for the competing parties. Since there would not be more than about a dozen regions, it could also be specifily brought into operation.

"To abandon our traditional method in this way would be a major constitutional innovation, the consequences of which are difficult to foresee."

It could lead to changes in party organization, giving central or regional organizations a higger role in nominaing candidates. The electorate might be confused by different systems for netional and European elections, though voters in Northern Ireland have coped with that since 1973. There might have to be yet another change if a different system were adopted those constituencies. It accept that some curtailment of the ful

that some curtailment of the ful parliamentary constituency revies procedures will be necessary in the first elections if they are to be held in May-June, 1978, possibly with full procedures in subsequent elections.

Bearing in mind that some it months will be needed to selections, the boundary commission will need to complete it, which is the end of this year. With some rejuctance the Government favours a single round on of local representations, but it local inquiries.

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committees recommendation in Westminster rules on disqualication should be applied withe modification that peers a clergymen should be allowed stand for election to the European Assembly. Westminster me bers would not be disqualified. It takes the view that a depo of £500 should be set, to "de frivolous candidates without a reasonably inhibiting genui candidates". It proposes the about 50 signatures of electors with that since 1973. There might have to be yet another change if a different system were adopted if and when European elections were put on a common basis, by agreement of all member governments. ments.

Besides the simple majority and list systems, a third possibility is the simple transferable vote (STV) system used for local government, convention and assembly elections in Northern Ireland. It involves multimember constituencies, with canonicues as the wishes in order of preference. about 50 signatures of electors each European constituency shot accommany nominations. each European constituency snot accompany nominations.

The Government considers to cost of administering Europe Assembly elections (estimated be at least 510m) should be referred to the constituency of the constituency of the engineering considerations to the considerations might be to be modified if a system of the considerations might be to be modified if a system of the company of the considerations might be to be modified if a system of the company of the considerations of t to be modified if a system of p

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England, nine; Yorkshire a Humberside, seven; Northe England, five. The ballot paper in a region list system might show the nam of individual candidates with the party affiliations, if any, enablithe voter to express preferent between candidates. Each electi would cast one wore for a pain candidate, parties being allotte seats in proportion to their took share of the poll.

The seat would go to the name The seat would go to the name candidate with the most individuate votes. A formula would have be devised for allocating the oseans after the first allocation.

Under the single transferable vote system, account is taken nonly of the voter's first check but also of his subsequent prate ences. A number of counts a required. Again the constituent in England could be formed and basis of the economic planning regions, with some modification of the South-east region.

A final annex analyses the second country of the south-east region.

A final annex analyses the points for and against a compusory dual mandate, marginal emphasizing the disadvantages. Direct Elections to the Europe Assembly (Stationery Office Cmnd 6768, 60p).

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Law Report April 1' 1977 No VAT on students' cheap travel card

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Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Browne and Sir John Pennycuick.
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reach deadlock on first day

Vienna, April 1.-New nego rears of communal tension.

The Greek Cypriots rejected a Turkish plan tabled today for a loose federation. The Turks

described Greek proposals made vesterday for two separate ad-ministrative regions as unfair. Dr Waldheim said tonight that "a real exchange of views on territorial aspects had taken place. There are still great dif-ferences. This was to be expected. It is important that they are talking."

Conference sources said there were no serious hopes of a breakthrough at the talks in Vienna, but negotiations were almost certain to continue in Nicosia early in May.-Reuter. Our Nicosia Correspondent writes: Mr Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, angrily described the Greek Cypriot proposals as "unrealistic and illogical". He described 2 map. submitted by the Greek Cypriots, said to allot about 20 per cent of the island to the Turkish Cypriots in a bizonal federation, as a provoca-

Denktas bas indicated that the Turks, about 18 per cent of the population, would settle for 32 per cent of the

Greek --- Cypriot Official sources said the Turkish proposals at Vienna were un-acceptable because they were raptamount to requiring bilateral agreement between separate states rather than a

Brazil Congress dismissed after Bill is lost

Rio de Janeiro, April- 1-President Ernesto Geisel o Brazil today closed down Congress indefinitely in what observers regarded as the most serious political crisis in the country for almost 10 years. after a meeting of the National Security Council, called to adopt restrictive political messures after the Coposition had rejected a judicial reform Bill The Bill, which as a constirational amendment, had required a two-thirds congressional majority, will be enacted by presidential decree President Geisel is also ex-

pected to introduce several other measures, including in-direct fastead of direct elections for governors next year, as the exiled King of the in forestall possible opposition Albanians, denied the charges

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One man in Belgrade who does not believe he is the Tito heir

From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade, April 1

Mr Stane Dolanc, the 51-year-old secretary of the executive bureau of the praesidium of the Yugoslav League of Communists, who arrives in Britain on Sunday as guest of the Labour Party, is hoping to establish a closer relationship between the He said ties between the

League of Communists and the Labour Party lapsed after first flourishing in the 1950s and were not revived until the visat to Yugoslavia two years ago of Mr Ron Hayward, general secretary of the British party.

Mr Dolanc is one of those exceptional Communist politicians who talks frankly and politic were not revived until the visit class who talks trankly and plainly, perhaps the only one in Yugoslavia apart from Presi-dent Tito. He was relatively un-known outside his native Slovenia when he was promoted more than five years ago to the more man five years ago to me post of secretary of the executive bureau and given the task of purging the party of liberals.

While Mr Dolanc has made a name for himself in this job, he

insisted in an interview with me that he is not President Tito's designated heir. He re-gards such speculation as "non-sensical" and is irritated by what he regards as a complete misunderstanding of Yugosla-via's political system. "Yugoslavia is not a monarchy in need of an heir", he said.

However, in Mr Dolanc, President Tito has found a strong and gifted executive

who has made a personal



Mr Stane Dolanc . . . gifted.

imprint on the political scene and is clearly the man to be reckoned with. People who know him say

that he is a gifted negotiator and a skilful concilieror. He loves baskethall and says he used to be a player himself at a time when it was not necessary to be nearly seven feet tail. He listens to Ravel and Pack while working He spent. Bach while working. He spent 17 years in the Army, which

and claimed diplomatic im-munity. He said that the pistols were the gifts from friends in

The Thai Foreign Ministry

Mr Leka has lived in England.

France, Egypt and Spain since

the end of the Second World

be a descendant of King Men-grai, who once ruled Chiang Mai, now Thailand's second

largest city in the northern part of the country. Sources in New York said that Mr Leka had told a press

conference there in recent

months that he was training guerrilla forces to harass the

ment. A number of guerrillas had already entered Albania, he

said.—Agence France-Presse, AP and Reuter.

communist Govern-

The Shan suspect claimed to

has advised the police that Mr Leka is not entitled to diplo-

colonel and a law degree. Since then he has studied in Paris, Rome, Moscow and Uppsala, Sweden,

Uppsata, sweeren,
His time in the Army was spent mostly on political as distinct from military work and observers say this has won him the support of the military, which may purn the balance in his favour in any future leadership baude. Again Mr Dolanc spurned such sugges-

He said Yugoslavia would shortly aunounce an amnesty for prisoners but he refused to say how many would be freed. On human rights, Mr Doland said recently that in Yngoslavia people were too hastily accused of being hostile and treated as enemies if they held a critical view of the Government. But this, he said today, did not mean people were being imprisoned for expressing political views.

Yugoslavia, he said, has done more than many other countries in furthering human rights, although he agreed there was never enough freedom. He pointed to the fact that last year 17 million frontier cross-ings were made by Yugoslava. He said this showed that the country was an open one with an open society.

When he assumed office more than five years ago, Mr Dolanc was seen as a firm disci-plinarian, but he has proved the contrary and represents that group of society, predominant in Yugoslavie now, which favours moderate policies.

Albanian pretender held by Thais on arms charge

Thailand.

Bangkok, April 1.—Two men claiming to be members of the ousted Albanian and Shan (Burmese) dynasties were arrested by Thai police yesterday in connexion with the seizure of a buge arms cache in Bargkok 24 hours earlier.

Mr Mbret Shquiparvet Leka,
the son of the former Albanian King Zog and Mr Khemavong Mengrai, who claims to be a

Shan prince, were charged with possessing war weapons.
The police found seven new automatic pistols and 2,000 rounds of ammunition in Mr Leka's living quarters yester-day. The raid came after the discovery of a small arsenal of grenades, TNT, rocker launchers and machine guns in an unoccupied botel room in Bangkok just before midnight on Wednesday. Mr Leka, who styles himself

Kitchen blaze destroys city centre

Manila, April 1.-A fire that began in a restaurant kitchen razed 21 blocks of commercial buildings in Ozamis City, southern Philippines, yesterday. Fifty people were injured and 10,000 left homeless. The city's fire department was among the buildings burnt down.

The fire, which broke out at dawn, levelled nearly all Ozamis's business district and viped out adjacent slum areas. At least four banks, the city market cinemas and Government offices were destroyed.

Brigades from two nearby rities were called in to help in the nine-hour battle in Ozamis which lies on the northerr coast of Mindanao Island, 500 miles south of Manila.

The Red Cross estimated property damage at about 50 million pesos (£4m).—Agence France-Presse.

PARLIAMENT, April 1, 1977_____

Government conscious of concern over passage of EEC legislation

Mr John Lee (Birmingham, Handsworth; Lab), calling attention to the need to review the European Communities Act, 1972, said that the Act could be repealed and amended. The idea that Britain had passed out of her hands irreversibly a part of her sovereignty, for ever, was not true. He moved: That this House calls

He moved: That this House calls upon the Government to institute a review of the operation of the European Communities Act, 1972. He said that while the Act was on the statute book Parliament's activities in processing EEC legislative documents was a nullity. The Act purported to yield up for ever Britain's sovereignty in certain matters. There were certain Acts which could not be repealed, but this Act could be. The Act of Union of 1706 had a special provision which talked about it being indissoluble for all time.

The Treaty of Rome could not The Treaty of Rome could not bind Parliament and neither could it prevent Parliament from repealing it. It was important that the Government did not hide behind the doctrine of legislative irreversibility with regard to the 1972 Art.

Act.

His purpose was to give the select committee on EEC secondary legislation, the power, at least domestically speaking, for the Commons to approve or disapprove all the manners that were not to approve all the maners that were put to it.

The day will come (he said) when the activities of a minister will be said to be illegal by the Community court and I hope the minister, if it is not an unparliamentary expression, will tell them to get stuffed.

The day would come when the High Court upstaff would have to decide whether he took orders from the Community court or the British High Court.

British High Court. British High Court.
Sir John Eden (Bournemouth,
West, C) said they were still engaged in working out what was
the best way of dealing with a
new situation.
The idea is (he said) that
ministers should first receive and

then take into account the opinions of this House on EEC documents. We must therefore devise a procedure which will, without taking up excessive time in the Chamber, make it possible for all MPs to give their opinion on the particular legislative proposals coming from the Community and to give that opinion in time which will enable the ministers to take that into account before they have to decide their posture in the Council of Ministers.

Mir Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Butersea, North, Lab) said legislation in a parliamentary democracy must be enacted by the elected representatives of those to whom the legislation was applicable and against whom it was to be enforced. be enforced.

It should be debated, amended and approved or disapproved in full public discussion. Both in draft and final form the legislation should be in precise and full lauguage which was available to ambody who wished to study it. be enforced. All these principles of legis-lation had been observed in this comptry. EEC legislation was

either by the Council of Ministers
or much more often by the Commission. These were not elected to control the actions of ministers bodies. All discussion was in their negotiations for legislasecret and there—was no public to the control the actions of ministers in their negotiations for legislasecret and there—was no public to the control the actions of ministers in their negotiations for legislasecret and there—was no public to the control the actions of ministers that they had been the control the council in Europe.

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Changes were constantly made in the drafts right up to the last European Legislation process moment.

With legislation of this kind nobody outside a narrow circle of Brussels officials could normally being enacted.

This was not defensible. It was really a system of authoritarian

really a system of authoritarian decrees rather than democratic legislation. As such it could not expect the same moral respect from the British public which was given to the ordinary legislation enacted by Parliament. The only way to restore full respect for the law and proper control over the legislation which was undermined by the European Communities Act was to substantially amend that Act.

Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C) said if they wanted democracy in the EEC, this House and the Parliaments of other Community countries must require ministers to come back from Brussels and seek approval for what had been tentatively agreed.

vely agreed.

A select committee should be set A select committee should be set up to review the whole of their membership of the EEC. Ir would be properly balanced and would consider such matters as why the trade deficit with the EEC of £183m in 1971 had increased to £2,50m now. They would also examine why the promised prospects of growth had not taken place.

The Treaty of Rome should be torn up and a new treaty drawn up which took note of the realities of the world. There should be a select committee to look at the whole matter and then the Commons could decide whether to continue to support or amend the

chester, Withington, C) said that there was no way in which a Com-munity set up under a treaty in 1957 could be governed in a way thought suitable then. Coming generations were not going to be bound by what was in the minds of people in 1957. The historical momentum of Europe would make the treaty what people wanted it

Mr Grabam Page, for the Opposition (Crosby, C), said they were talking of a consultative procedure rather than a legislative procedure and not one speaker had shown any satisfaction with the way that they processed proposals for European legislation and the legislation rate was the processed to the legislation and the legislation in the legisl it might be that in considering the processing of European legislation they might come across provisions of the 1972 Act that could be amended, but he did not advocate the repeal of the Act. They must accept that there as legislation which was passed

was legislation which was passed in Europe but was not enacted by the elected MPs. They had tried in their procedure to supply partiamentary debate on European legislation, aithough: perhaps not fully enough. But their own delegated legislation was not fully discussed in the House. It would be an ideal to which they ought not to propose to strive to see that they debated fully all the matters that went through the Council in Europe.

But instead they ought to try to control the actions of ministers

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cessfully.

It was important that they should my to perfect their preEuropean legislation process.
There should be effective scrutiny both of the negotiating proce-dure and of the legislative that Nr William Price, Parliamentary Serretary, Privy Council Office (Rugby, Lab), moved an amend-ment setting out the procedure to be followed by a committee considering an EEC statutory instrument or draft statutory

instrument.

He said the motion called on the Government to institute a review of the operation of the European Communifies Act 1972, but this was not necessary. Its real purpose would be to reopen discussion of sovereignty, an issue which had been thoroughly debated in the House during the period immediately before Britain joined the EEC and again during renegotiation. This was a question they hoped had been settled.

The White Paper on renegotia-The White Paper on renegotiation did not attempt to gloss over constitutional consequences of membership.

of membership.

They all agreed that the system they were operating left a lot to be desired. Many of the difficulties arose from the nature of the problem as well as from the procedures they had adopted in the past. EEC legislation, once published, followed a different course from that of Bills in the Rritish Parliament and as a result British Parliament and as a result bringing Community legislation into the procedures at Westminster inevitably created friction. The Government were conscious of the

The Government amendment represented a difference of opinion over the ruling of the standing committee in relation to EEC committee in relation to REC documents referred to it. In considering possible improvements they had to bear in mind the need to hold the right balance between the Government's responsibilities for negotiation and their accountability to the House. The Committee should express its view after considering a mat-

ter and then make sure the Government were aware of its views. A decision would be taken on the floor of the House on a Government motion which was amendable anyway. was carried by 28 votes to nil, but as fewer than 40 members voted, the debate was adjourned.

The Shops (Amendment) Bill House adjourned, 4.27 pm.

Sport sponsorship Mr Denis Howell, Minister for Sport and Recreation, said in a written reply: I am discussing a voluntary agreement and code of practice on sports sponsorship with representatives of obacco industry and I hope meet them again shortly.

Fewer cars Mr Kenneth Marks. Under Secretary, Environment, said in a written reply: It is planned to re-duce the number of Government

Ministers to prepare for summit at No 10

Mr Prant Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonweath Affairs, made a statement about the business to be taken in the EEC Council of Ministers during April.

He said: At present five meetings of the Council of Ministers are proposed for April. Foreign and finance ministers will meet jointly on April 5; foreign ministers on April 18 and agriculture ministers on April 18 and agriculture ministers on April 18 and agriculture ministers on April 25 and 26.

Ministers at the joint foreign affairs and finance council will discuss a Commission assessment of Community budger problems and priorities.

At the foreign affairs council, and council will be a foreign affairs council.

and priorities.

At the foreign affairs council, ministers will consider the followap to the European Council of March 25 and 26 and the Continuity's position in relation to the Conference on International Economics Connection will

sugar agreement and the Com-munity's relations with Portugal, Spain, Cyprus, Malta and Yngoslavia. Preparation for the second meeting of the ACP/EEC Council of Ministers in Fig. on April 13 and 14 will also be on the agenda. Ministers at the Snance council

Ministers.

Some of us are increasingly worried about the way the meetings are being handled by some of Mr Judd's colleagues. It is beginning to look as if the tactics employed for example by the Minister of Agriculture (Mr John Silkin) and the Minister of State for Energy (Dr Dickson Mabon) do not in any way safeguard the interests of Britain. They increasingly undermine our influence and our bargaining strength in the Community. Could he ask the Prime Minister Ministers.

the Community.

Could he ask the Prime Minister to ser in hand a half term review of the tactics and priorities so that we try to do a bit better for Europe and for Britain in the second half than we have in the

consensus. Ims is a constitutional responsibility. In promoting consensus it is realistic of the chair whatever specialist subject may be under consideration to take into



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Ministers at the Snance council will discuss preparations for the Downing Street summit confer-ence in May and for the meeting of the interim committee of the International Monerary Fund. Agriculture ministers will resume consideration of common agriculture policy prices for 1977-78 and related measures. Mr Douglas Hurd, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Com-monwealth affairs (Mid Oxon, C) —Today we are exactly half way through the United Kingdom's presidency of the Council of

Mr Judd—The presidency places a heavy responsibility on the individual in the chair to promote consensus. This is a constitutional

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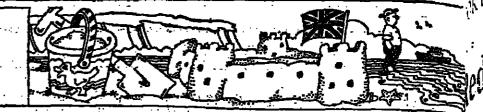
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Red Rum's chance falls with the Aintree rain Decent Fellow finally The Minstrel

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Of the 102 steeplechasers who were entered for this year's Grand National, 42 hopefuls have finally stood their ground for the race, which will be run over 30 fences and almost four and a half miles at Liverpool (3.15) this afternoon. When the weights were published on January 26 I drew up a short list of five which seemed to be to take most things into account. Of that original list Fort Devon and King Flame have dropped out, but I am still left with Red Rum. Zeta's Son, and Gay Vulgan and I hope the winner is among them.

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I included Red Rum simply because he is a law unto himself at Alutree. By now no one ought to need reminding that he has won this race twice and been placed second twice, which is in itself a unique record. But his trainer, Donald McCain, has said all along that Red Rum will-only win the National again if the ground is right and for Red Rum the right ground is fast. In the past few days the weather thas turned against him and those who had the temerity to chance their arm against the English winter and back him ante-post. Softened by the rain which has fallen in some quantity since Wednesday night,

the old turf at Aintree is no longer springy and firm.

In the circumstances, I think that both Zeta's Son and Gay Vulgan now have a better chance of winning and of those two I prefer Gay Vulgan, who is one of only six in the field who has never fallen. Gay Vulgan showed that he had the stamina for the job when he won the Bass Streeplechase over four miles at Cheltenbarn on New he won the Bass Streplechase over four miles at Cheltenham on New Year's Day. By that enormously successful sire of jumpers, Vulgan, who has already bred three winners of the National, Gay Vulgan is argunbly one of the most improved steeplechasers in training. He has won all his five races this season since he joined Fulke Walwyn's stable last snumer and he has already beaten some of his rivals this afternoon, notably Prince Rock, Carroll Street, Sebastian V, Royal Thrust, Spitting Image, and Fort Vulgan.

Recognizing that Gay Vulgan

When Gay Vulgan won the National Hunt Handicap Steeple-chase at Chelrenham 17 days ago some thought that he might have had too hard a race too close to the big day. But in the hear of the mount perhaps they expend

Forest Rock. 33-1 Upwards others.

(Light blue, cerise yoke and cap, white sleeves)
HUPERADE (J. Carden), Carden, 13-10-0

(Dark blue, crev 'V', red cap)
THE SONGWRITER (P. Callander), Mrs Pitman, 8-10-0
(Black, gold disc, hooped sleeves, quartered cap)

BETTING: 8-1 Davy Lad, 10-1 Arely Pandy, Gay Vulgan, Red Rum, 12-1 Pengrall, Zeta's Son, 14-1 War Bonnet, Winter Rain, 16-1 Eyecatcher, Prince Rock, Sir Garnet, What A Buck, 22-1 Sage Marlin, 25-1 Sebastian V, 28-1 Brown Admiral.

401 111-00f Clear Cat (C) (J. Hemingway), M. Camacho, 15-12-1 D. Tomacho, 15-12-1 Constant Magazine (D) Offs M. Power), F. Rimell, 7-12-1

402 313111 Double Regative (D) (Mrs M. Power), F. Rimell, 7-12.
405 2u-020f Donohill (F. Tyldosley), A. Dickinson, 10-11-11 M. 167 13222f Fettingts (P. Deal), Mrs Pimza, 7-11-12 M. 17-12 M. 17

415 ppp004 Staple Oak (J. Kettlewell), M. Naughton, 9-11-7 Mr S. Kettlewell
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Royal Russe (A. Maldom), J. S. Turner, 11-0 A. K. Taylor S. Siinot Valley (J. Walley), L. Jordon, 11-0 . W. Tunker Silversmith (Mrs G. Malome), I. Wardle, 11-0 . G. Thorner Twidate (Mrs G. Ress), J. Wilson, 11-0 . Mrs C. Cank 7 Yellow Boy (D) (D. Sangèr), D. Nicholson, 11-0 J. Suthern

4.15 GREENS NORTON HURDLE (Div II: Part I: Novices

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4.30 SUN SUPERFORM HURDLE (Handican: £1,900: 2m)

4.0 PAGE THREE STEEPLECHASE (£1,679: 3m lf)

416 2fp00f Why Go (J. Wilson), Wilson, 7-11-7

5-2 Dauble Negative, 3-1 Donobill, 8-1 French Canadian, 6-1
B-1 Clear Cut, 12-1 Fettimist, 14-1 Gypsy Beroz, 20-1 others.

All the same I expect Zera's Son to be a factor rowards the end.
No less a judge than Fred Winter has gone on record as saying that he would dearly love to ride Pengrail in the race. It is possible to argue that his nine-year-old, who will in fact be ridden by champion jockey John Francome, has much the same sort of chance as Zeta's Son on the book. Pengrail finished a length behind Zeta's Son at Sandown Park in January and the handicapper has allowed him 2 lb for that defeat. Pengrail is certainly a safe jumper who will get round given normal luck, but too often in the past he has flattered only to deceive and I doubt whether he has the heart to cope with a battle up the long run in.
Davy Lad will be trying to bethe big day. But in the bear of the moment perhaps they overlooked the fact that it was his first race for 10 weeks and that he probably needed a good blow before Liverpool. Others thought that Gay. Vulgan made heavy weather of beating Prince Rock, but again it is possible that they did not pay enough attention to the fact that he was hampered badly when Cuckolder and Brown Admiral fell at the top of the hill five fences from home.

After that incident Gay Vulgan, is my opinion, did extremely well to win at all and granted a normal amount of luck be should give his backers a wonderful run this afternoon.

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Recognizing that Gay Vulgan could be just the sort to win the National—a horse cast in the Staying mould of some of the recent winners of the great Aintree epic such as Rag Trade, Well and recent winners of the great Aintree epic such as Rag Trade, Well and To Do, Highland Wedding and Team Spirit—Walwyn set about training him especially with today in mind just as soon as he had won at Cheltenham on January 1. And no one training today is better versed in the art of preparing Runners and riders for today's Grand National

801 853500 RED RIBM (C.D) (N. La Mare). D. McCair. 12-11-6 ... T. Stack

802 853500 What A Buck (Lord Vestey). D. Nicholson, 10-11-4 ... J. King

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806 180000 FOREST KING (K. Hogg), Hogg. 8-10-12 ... N. Hughes

807 180000 FOREST KING (K. Hogg), Hogg. 8-10-10 ... P. Kiely

808 214412 BORNA Mark (Mrs. W. Hillington), F. Willington), F. Willington, F. W

Successful with Rag Trade 12 months ago and with ESB, Nicolaus Silver, and Gay Trip in previous years, Fred Rimell has mustered four runners in an attempt to win the race for a fifth time. Andy Pandy is the pick of his quartet in my opinion and I would not deter anyone from backing him, even though be has a lot of ground to make up on Zeta's Son judged on their races at Newbory and Sandown in November and January. Andy Pandy is a fresh horse and a bold jumper who ought to be in his element at Afutree. The Figarlic, another of Rimell's runners, is a half-brother to L'Escargot, who won the National two years ago. I cannot visualize The Pilgarlic emulating L'Escargot though; nor can I envisage his other brother, What A Buck, doing likewise.

What now of some of the other runners? Sage Merlin appeals to runners? Sage Meriin appeals to me as an outsider, having won over two and a half miles at Haydock and over four miles at Cheltenham. Prince Rock and Winter Rain are two who have never fallen but two more different horses it is hard to imagine. Prince Rock is a doar stayer who has been beaten by Gay Vulgan twice already this season whereas Winter Rain is a very free exciting jumper, whose season whereas Winter Rain is a very free exciting jumper, whose hest distance is probably two and a half miles. But it is not unheard of for a horse of that sort to win the National. One only has to think of Gay Trip, whose best distance was two and a half miles, to find the perfect example. But watching Winter Rain run at Newbury only last Saturday I formed the impression that the distance of the Grand National would be beyond him and now that the ground has changed I am even more certain.

Churchtown Boy, who won the Tooham Trophy on Thursday, failed to fixish in the first six 12 months ago and he failed simply because his stamina gave out four fences from home. Having ridden Churchtown Boy so stylishly on Thursday, Chris Read now finds himself on Eyecatcher, who finished third in the race last year beaten only by Rag Trade and Red Rum. A mare has not won the National since Nickel Coin did so in 1951, but Eyecather should give her backers a good run again.

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Talking of the female sex, Charlotte Brew will become the first woman to take part in the race when she partners her mother's 12-year-old, Barony Fort, They qualified for today's race when they finished fourth in the Foxhunter Steeplechase at Liverpool last year, but only last Saturday Miss Brew and Barony Fort finished a remote third, in the ladies' race at the North Norfolk Harriers point-to-point and that seems to put their chance of victory this afternoon into perspective; I am hoping for Miss Brew's sake that she and her horse survive this ordeal.

silences detractors

By Michael Seely Decent Fellow finally silenced Decent Fellow finally silenced his detractors with a decisive victory in the Weetabix Hurdle race at Liverpool yesterday. After clouting the second last burdle bard, Decent Fellow was suddenly in the bridle for the first time in the race. Sweeping past Rathbure he sprinted clear to win by four lengths with Levaramoss another four lengths away third. Richard littley, who had blamed himself for striking the front too soon at Cheltenham, here rode a copybook race, Rathconrath, favourite at 5-2 was in trouble half a mile from home and could only finish fifth.

What a triumph this victory

What a triumph this victory represented for Toby Balding who represented for Toby Balding who has always been convinced that Decent Fellow is the best four year-old in the country. Equally delighted was the colt's owner, Brigadier General Preston Kilbride, from Toronto. "I want to win the Colonial Cup in 1979 with this fellow", the general said. Future plans for Decent Fellow are fluid. Obviously the Welsh or Scottish champion hurdle are possible targets. Balding would also like to race Decent Fellow on the flat. There is 2'so the chance that he may be gelded.

Only the result of the Weetabix

may be gelded.
Only the result of the Weetably Hurdle prevented the Irish from completing a remarkable treble. Poor Bob Turnell will certainly now be a firm believer in their proverbial luck. Beacon Light fell

at the last flight in the George Burdle when over 10 lengths clear of his nearest rival. In a scrambing finish between three startled jockeys, who could hardly beliave their good fortune, last year's Weetabix Burdle winner Cooch Behar beat his fast finishing compariot Rathnure by three quarters of a length with French Hollow only a length away third. As in his success last year. Cooch Behar, who is trained by Christy Kinane was ridden by Liam O'Donnell. Further disaster strick the Mariborough trainer and his jockey Steve Knight when the 9-4 farcurity Tree Teorde was stoomed dead in his tracks when Navigation fell at the fifth fence from home in the Alpen Trophy Steeplechase. What with the injury to his son Andrew. Summerville breaking down in the Gold Cup and Birds Nest proving such a bitter disappointment in the Champion Hurdle this will be a season Turnell will want to forget. But there is no doubt that Tree

Turnell will want to forget. But there is no doubt that Tree Tangle would have had a fight on bis hands to heat the winnier Siberian Sun, who had hated the around when second to Tip the Wink 'at the National Hunt Festival." He's a sharp horse over two miles on this ground." his trainer Francis Flood said. Flood, together with vesterday's winning jockey Frank Berry captured the 1972 Gold Cup with Glencaraig.

All news is favourable for Blushing Groom

From Desmond Stoneham French Racing Correspondent Paris, April 1

Paris, April 1

After a fair amount of rain recently, the going for the opening day of Longchamp on Sunday will certainly be on the soft side, which will in no way hinder the main attraction at the meeting, the Aga Khan's Blushing Groom, who runs in the one mile Prix de Fontaineblenu. The card also includes the Group II Prix Greffulhe, a 10 and a half furlong race for French born and bred classic prospects from which there is a surprise withdrawal in the form ofthe Baron Guy de Rotbschild's General, who is reported to need a little more time. Some of Europe's top staying horses contest the Prix de Barbeville. Included in the field will be Sagaro, Citoyen, Sir Montagu, and the recent winner Buckskin.

One cannot oppose Blushing Groom in the Prix de Fontaine-bleau, All news from Chamilly is favourable concerning the colt and I expect him to be followed home by Pharly, Hermodore and Air

Peruvian. Blashing Groom won all the top. two-year-old events in France last year, a feat last accomplished by My Swallow in 1970. Pharly, who will probably come to Newmarket for the 2,000 Guineas if he runs well on Sunday, finished last season by beating the Barry Hills-trained Lady Mere and Manado in the Prix de La Foret. Both Hermodore and La Foret. Both Hermodore and Air Peruvian won races at Saint-Cloud last year and are considered Cloud last year and are considered useful by their trainers, while Water Boy, also a good two-year-old, should run well after his win lest month in the Prix Omnium Li-at-Saint-Cloud.

With the absence of General, the Prix Greffulhe becomes more open. The winner may be Monsieur Marcel Boussac's Amyntor, who finished second to Blushing Groom in the Grand Criterium. Groom in the Grand Criterium. after having won his only other rece, Another useful performer is the François Boasin trained Rex. Magna, the winner last October at Longchamp of the Prix de La Chaussee when he hear another of his adversaries tomorrow, Olantengy, by two lengths.

to win in handsome

By Michael Phillips
Vincent O'Brien has done much
to enliven the racing at Ascot
today by bringing The Minstrel
and Cloonlara over from Ireland
to run in the two classic trials.
Just as soon as it became known
that the crack French colr Blushing Groom was being trained for
the French 2,000 Guineas and not
ours The Minstrel was quickly
made anie-post favourite for our
first classic of the season at Newmarket. But his stable companiou
Cloonlara has held the same position for the 1,000 Guineas for as
long as I can remember following
a brilliant two-year-old career.
O'Brien does not undertake this
sort of venture without first giving
it a great deal of thought and I
will be both surprised and disappointed if either of his runners
this afternoon failed to make a successful start to the new season. this afternoon failed to make a successful start to the new season.
Both will be ridden by Lester
Piggott who will be riding in
England for the first ame since
last year. Of the two The Minstral seems to face the harder task in the colts trial (2.50). His opposi-tion includes Avgerinos who won the Solario Stakes at Sandown less the Solario Stakes at Sandown last September; the Coventry Stakes winner Cawiston's Clown; Crown Bowler who has already won at Doncaster this season but who has got eight lengths to make up on The Minsrel, remembering the Dewhurst Stakes; the Borris Hill Stakes winner Fair Season and Garloch who ended his two-year-old career by winning the Royal old career by winning the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot. Gairloch was subsequently given the same weight as The Minstrel in the Free

Handicap.
Time alone will tell whether that was a reasonable assessment. I am inclined to doubt it. The Minstrel impressed me more 1 st season especially when he won the Dewhurst Stakes and he also impressed me the most when I saw them two weeks ago. By beating Millionaire, who finished four. 12 ally at Doncaster, Crown Bowler hinted that the form of the Dew-hurst Stakes was probably better and I hope to see The Minstrel confirm that by coming through his first test of the season with

flying colours.
The Minstre The Minstrel has not grown appreciably during the winter but he did look extremely well at exercise at Ballydoyle and I am convinced that he is sufficiently forward to win.

STATE OF GOING (official): Liverpool: good to soft, Ascot, flat; round
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203 2-1-022 Peterbot (H. Gould). M. W. Easterby, 5-11-5 P. Broderick
204 330203 Flying Objoonat (S. Criffith). A. Smith, 6-11-6 N. Thicken
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[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.5 races] 1.30 GREENS NORTON HURDLE (Div I: Part 1: Novices:

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Royal Reiter, E. Courage, 13-12-7

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Mr J. Butchar 2.30 DALGETY-BUSWELL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £912: Prince, Watsfelfs. 16-1 Mac Vidi. 20-1 others.

3.5 SVOP CH AM HURDLE (Handicap: £769: 2m)

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5.15 GREENS NORTON HURDLE (Div II Part II: Novices:

Best at Longchamp tomorrow

PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU (Group III: 3-y-o colts: £11,737: lm)

PRIX GREFFULHE (Group II: 3-y-o colts and fillies: £23,475:

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Christmas Viste (Sir C. Ciore), B. Hills, 9-0. L. Johnson 15
Courageous King (J. Peterswald), W. Wightman, 9-0 L. Johnson 15
Dayout (F. Sasse), D. Sasse, 9-0. B. Balding, 9-0. L. Matthias 21
Gertzard's Cross (Lord H. de Walden), P. Walwyn, 9-0
Gertzard's Cross (Lord H. de Walden), P. Walwyn, 9-0
Hampshire (Mrs Y. Perry), D. Whelam, 9-0. B. Rouse 10
Hampshire (Mrs Y. Perry), D. Whelam, 9-0. B. Rouse 10
Home Wis (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 9-0. B. Rouse 10
Katla Bay (E. Mangan), P. Haslam, 9-0. L. Johnson 13
Camera (Br. Moller, H. Wragg, 9-0. A. Migray 20
Marakas (Dr. J. Sahagun), R. Smyth, 9-0. L. Jenkingon, 11
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1-113b1 Midnight Court (Mrs O. Jackson). F. Winter, 6-11-11 p. O'Brien 7 po11 Pincharlo (M. Routledge), H. Collingridge, 6-11-10 Sunderland po0044 Persian Majesty (Mrs J. Gibson). S. Matthews, 10-11-Cobbie 7

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Ascot programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.50 races]

1.45 HUMBER STAKES (Maidens: 3-y-o c and g: £2,855: 1m) HEINZ STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Handicap: £4,019:

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230 ASCUI 2,000 UNITED INTERIOR INTERIOR IN P. Walwyn. 9-0 P. Eddery 7f. 121- Avgerinos (C.D.) (C. Kerpidas), P. Walwyn. 9-0 P. Eddery 24142- Birkbelm (Kailfa Sasi), R. Armstrong, 9-0 J. Mercer 3411100- Cawston's Clown (C) (J. Murrell, N. Adam, 9-0 T. McKeown 12030-0 Eddesh (R. O'Farrall, H. Wrege, 9-0 A. Marray 5 22012-1 Crown Bewier (D) (R. Pestin, B. Hills. 9-0 E. Johnson 12212- Digitalis (HRH Sherti Nasser Bin Jamili, C. Briballis (B. R. Sasin) (R. Sasin)

6 020202- Busied Fiddle (D) (Mrs M. Lea; S. Manthews, 5-8-1 7 40-3 Soldier Rose (D) (Mrs M. Slade); H. Price, 5-7-13 W. Carson is 8 123000- Iver (D) (G. Greenwood); R. Akchurst, 6-7-11 C. Carson is 9 13133-7 Mr Fordetis (D) (R. Spackman); C. Harwood, 5-7-11 G. Lewis in 11-4 Rinkshorough, 7-2 Major Green, 4-1 Soldier Rose, 11-2 Busied Fiddle 7-1 Flune Tree, 8-1 Mr Fordelts, 20-1 others. 4.20 ASCOT 1,000 GUINEAS TRIAL STAKES (3-y-o fillies: 4.50 ROUGE CROIX HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,271: 5f) 4.50 KOUGE CRUIX MANDICAP (5-y-0: L-2-/1: 51)

1 2120- Sunay Spring (D) (G. Guetta). L. Cumani. 9-5 B. Raymond 3
2 311102- Becihovon (P) (Mrs A. Ruristone). P. Walwyn, 8-B F. Edderr 1
2 13306-1 Percil Lad (D) (C. Murphy). J. W. Walts, 8-5 ... E. Bile 3
4 00301- Kingsfeld Treoper (P) (G. Nya). C. Benstead, 7-3
5 010-3 Juzi For You (D) (C. Rill). Rul. 7-1 ... S. Jarvis 7 3
6 201000- Taj Princess (D) (G. Brunton). P. M. Taylor, 7-3
C. Rodrigues 5 6
2-1 Portal Lad, 5-2 Becthoven. 4-1 Just For You, 13-2 Kingsfeld Trooper, 8-1 Sunny Spring: 20-1 Taj Princess. 5.20 MERRY STAKES (3-y-o maiden fillies: £2,578: 1m) Wings At Night (5. Dhismore) P. Hastan, 8-3
 Roctery, 100-30 Lady Mason, 5-1 Miss Mars, 6-1 Bat 12-1 Recapture, 16-1 Randa, Mog. 20-1 others. Ascot selections

PRIX DE BARBEVILLE (Group III: 4y-o and up: £11,737: 1m

9-4 Sagaro, 3-1 Citoyen, 9-3 Buckskin, Palei, 6-1 Sir Monlagu, 8-1 Knight Tempiar, 10-1 Campero, 16-1 Quert Du Vin, Tetrac, 25-1 Brouhaha, Dermos Jango.

6-4 Amyniour, 4-1 Amont, Rex Magno, 5-1 Olantengy, Jour Jock, 10-1 Darkeino, 16-1 Bainatr., 20-1 Gracious Dia

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.45 Lucky Sovereign. 2.15 Midnight Court. 2.50 THE MINSTREL is
specially recommended. 3.50 Soldier Rose. 4.20 Cloonlara. 4.50
Portal Lad. 5.20 Picatina.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.45 Lucky Sovereign. 3.50 Flame Tree. 4.50 Sunny Spring. 5.20 Recapture.

Liverpool selections By Our Racing Correspondent

3.50 ROUGE DRAGON HANDICAP (£2,334: 1½m)

1 320030 Major Green (D) (C. Blackwell) J. Winter, 6-10-0 B. Taylor 7 Vulgan. 4.0 Double Negative. 4.30 Prince Poona. 5.0 Prince Pepe.

Liverpool results 2.0 (2.1) MAGHULL HURDLE (Novices: £1.956: 2m 5'-f) Lismount VI Mr J. Cambidge (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Rough and
Tumble, 100-30 Charlie Murphy, 11-3

The Bo-Weevil, 15-2 Ballet Lord 1-3,
12-1 Owen View (44h), 20-1 Doubly
Royal (b), 50-1 Gaalie Dancer [p],
Morum's Star [f], Wooddame, 12 run,
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41. 2.50 (2.421 GEORGE MURDLE (£5,100; 2m)
Cooch Behar, bt h, by Tai Dawan —Valley Farm (D. O'Brien), 5-11-2 ... L. O'Donnell (£-1) 2
French Hollow, M. Dickinson (£-1) 2
French Hollow, M. Dickinson (£-1) 3
AISO RAN: 11-8 fav Beacon Light (£), 5-1 Mac's Charlot (4M), 20-1
Tonic, 25-1 Abide With Me (£), 7 ran.
TOTE: Win. 76p; places, 27p, 22p; dual foreast, 53,34. C. Kinane, 10 and 1

3.8 (S.10) ALPEN TROPHY STEEPLE-CHASE (21.576; 2m)
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Young Arthur .. F. Haynes (8-1) 3
ALSO HAN: 9-4 fav Tree Tangla,
9-3 Millame, 2-1 Navigation (7, 8-1)
Flugros (p), 10-1 Crofton Hall (3th)
12-1 ViewInder (p), Folio (p), 10
TOTE: Win, 760: places, 20p, 18p,
39p; dual forecast, 22.44, F. Flood,
Ireland, 51, 81. 3.40 (3.41) WESTABOX HURDLE (4-y-o: 24,701: 2m)

word. Hd. 11.
TOTE DOUBLE: Stherkm. Sun and Our Edition, 2-11-20. TREBLE: Cooch Behar. Decent Fellow and Do Justice, 21-41-20. Jackpot not won: no consolation dividend. Guaranteed pool today of £100.000. 2.15 (2.18) PANORAMA STAKES (2-y-0: £536: Sf)

TOTE: Win. 40p. places. 16p. 31p. 42p. U. 4.5 (1.49) BUDEROOKE STAKES 42p. U. 4.5 (1.49) BUDEROOKE STAKES 42p. U. 4.5 (1.49) Buddens: £510; 5f. 12p. 12p. 2p. 4.45 (1.49) BUDEROOKE STAKES 42p. U. 4.45 (1.49) Buddens: £52p. U. 4.45 (1.49) BUDEROOKE STAKES 42p. U. 4.45 (1.

Rugby Union

The Geordie accent up front must be matched by the Welsh

Rugby Correspondent If Ladbrokes have got their prices right, Gosforth will beat London Welsh in the semi-final round of the John Player Cup at Old Deer Park this afternoon, and Waterloo will succeed against Saracens at Blundellsands. That would make for an all northern final at Twickenham a fortnight

hence.

There is only a shade of odds between the holders, Gosforth, installed as favourites to win the trophy at 5 to 4, and Welsh, listed at 11 to 8. Waterloo are offered at 7 to 1 and Saracens, as the outsiders, at 10 to 1, so on this basis the Loudon encounter should produce the eventual winners. It certainly looks that way, but you never can tell.

Welsh believe that the visit of Gosforth, complete with their own band of Geordie supporters, will attract a substantial crowd to their ground, second only perhaps to the one that watched them play Cardiff on the morning of an England-Wales game at Twicken-ham. They have a healthy respect for the power of their opponents up front, realizing that they must at least match them in this depart-ment to release what they hope-may be the faster and more creative skills of their back divi-

sion.

Gosforth are at full strength, which implies full deployment of their formidable loose trio. Today, however, it is switched around to enable Dixon, lately returned from the Oxford University tour of Japan to play at No 8, and Uttley to appear on a flank. That is the official position for which Uttley has been selected for the Lious, although it was not made clear although it was not made clear at the time.

It has also been established, en passant, that Gareth Evans, of Newport, will go to New Zealand as a fourth wing and not as a

Welsh are not likely to yield resolved doubts about their firmess, and their loose forwards

have been playing most effectively of late, with Taylor in his sharp-est, pristine form on a flank and Manfield looking to be one of the hest No 8s available to his

That might make the crunch area the front row, where Deacon, at prop, and Iestyn Thomas, at hooker, are the two changes to the Welsh side that finished 10—10 against the then favourites, Moseley, in the last round, and so came through as the away side. I did not see that game at the Reddings where the result must have seemed like a reward to Welsh for their persistence and commitment to an expansive theme. But I can vouch for the fact that Gosforth, without Utiley, were somewhat fortunate to get by Gloucester.

All in all, today's affair should be hard and close, with the added bonus of seeing England's scrum-haif, Young, burrowing away be-hind those familiar forwards and hind those familiar forwards and opposed to that mercurial and highly-gifted performer, Lewis. There is an interesting confrontation between their partners, too: Bennett, whose skilful boot has meant so much to Welsh, and Breakey, a big player for his position and a useful one at that. Saracens would dearly like to cap their centenary season with an appearance in the final but clearly face a tough task in Lancashire (where, last time out, they won at Fyle) against a side who have been enjoying a handsomely successful campaign. Waterloo bave won 26 of their 31 games, totting up 747 points in the process and rowling in 119 tries, of which their left wing, Flett, has scored 30.

Their stand-off half, Ball, has scored almost half of the points in their three knockout ties, none of them more valuable than those he got at the exciting climar against Bedford in the round of the last eight. Both he and his Lancashire partner, Carfoot, were in fine fettle for England Under-23 earlier this week. Carfoot will renew acquaintance with old friends, having played a few games for Saracens must do without Cadle Saracens would dearly like to



Added bonus: Young (left) in opposition today to Lewis.

they have been hard hit by Weish. When in doubt, it may be injuries. They move out Carsfold no bad thing to plump for the from the centre, and they also drop their regular scrum half, Dowling, can be assured of at least 12,000.

Today's cup semi-final teams

LONDON WELSH: G. Fuller; C. F. W. Rees, K. D. Hughes, J. L. Shanklin, R. Ellis Jones; W. N. Bennett, A. Lewis; S. Young, I. Thomas, B. Adam, M. G. Roberts, C. Howcroft, S. Warlow, J. Manfield, J. Taylor.

GOSFORTH: B. Patrick; S. Archer, H. Patrick, J. K. Britten, J. S. Gustard; R. W. Breakey, M. Young; C. White, D. F. Madsen, A. Cutter, T. C. Roberts, J. Headley, P. J. Dixon, R. M. Uttley (captain), D. Robinson. Referee: A. Welsby (Lanca-Saracens must do without Cadle shire).

WATERLOO: S. G. Tickle; J. N. W. Spaven, G. T. Jackson, S. F. Christopherson, M. A. Flett; I. Ball, D. J. Carfoot; F. Black-hurst, C. D. Fisher (captain), F. Clarke, M. F. Billingham, K. R. Short, K. Lunt, L. Connor, K. Hancock.

SARACENS: M. Phillips; P. Worsfold, T. Smithers, D. Crydon, C. Hanson; P. Hawkins, C. Milford; C. McGregor, J. A. Lockwood (captain), R. Faircloth, P. Holden, A. Jaszczak, D. Harrigan, E. Riddle, A. Keay.

Referee: R. Quittenton

Football

Liverpool at their weakest for crucial week

By Norman Fox

Football Correspondent Although only six first division clubs have played in the past 10 days, the break called for the benefit of the international teams has not been particularly therapeutic. Several of the players who had to drop out of England's party are still unavailable for their clubs and other injuries and influnza will affect today's programme hich comes at the start of a busy and important period.

and important period.

Liverpool, who were removed from the top of the league by Ipswich Town's 4—1 win over West Ham United last week and next Wednesday play Zurich in the semi-final round of the European Cup, approach this crucial week looking weeker than at any time in the season. Toshack, lost to Weles in midweek will not Wales in midweek, will not had hoped to have all of the team remaining 13 games are away from

understanding is bound to be in danger.

Today Liverpool will have finished their game with Leeds United before their two challengers, Ipswich and Manchester City, have began at Maine Road. If Liverpool should alip for the first time at Anfield this season, Ipswich would know that victory would revive their championship hopes after several matches in which they seemed dispirited.

The 11.30 kick-off at Anfield, arranged to ease traffic congestion arranged to ease traffic congestion around Liverpool on the afternoon of the Grand National, means that if Liverpool win and regain the lead. Inswich could take it back again only a few hours later by virtue of goal difference. Inswich had honed to here all of the extended to the country of the country of

fit for the last sprint towards the end of the season, but Osborne has a leg muscle injury and Lambert will play in his first match since September.

Manchester City, definitely without Theartwho failed a fitness test before England's match with Luxembourg could have Doyle back in the side, but the manager, Tony Book, said it would be better not to risk him too early in the Easter programme. Royle hurt his back at Wembley but is ready to appear in one of the season's most significant games. City are three points behind Ipswich and Liverpool with a game in hand.

If any of the chasing group following Ipswich, Liverpool and Manchester City have an advantage perhaps it is Manchester United and Aston Villa who have three and five games in hand, respectively. Nine of United's remaining 13 games are away from

home, including today's at Notwich where they play without Pearson, who has influenza, but they will have Brian Greenhoff back in the defence. Villa, away to Bristol City who still cause even the best first division teams some problems, are all fit again. As Alan Dicks, Bristol's manager said: "This will make us or break is in the first division. We have as in the first division. We have four matches in 10 days and three are at home." The next 10 days will probably

The next 10 days will probably decide whether Tottenham Hotspur will lose their first division status after 27 years. In most of their matches they show hints of promise without seeming to realize the immediacy of the problem. Perhaps a visit to Coventry will rectify that. Coventry are themselves in need of insurance against relegation and, not having played at home for 10 weeks, they will want to create a good impression.

Rowing

Lightweights could threaten heavyweights

lands and Italy, compete in to day's Head of the River race (3.45) over the four and a quarter mile course from Mortlake to Pumey. Favourites for the head title must be the Leander crew, who start in second position, powered by four Olympic silver medal winners in the stern—Crooks, Robertson, Yallop and Clark—and steered by the Olympic coxswain, Patrick Sweeney.

With no official national train
winst include Thames Tradesmen, London heavyweights include three two London Rowing Club eights, world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world junior medal winners; Britain's Olympic coxed pair, Christie world wind an another Olympic coxed pair, Christie world wind an another Olympic coxed pair, Christie world wind an another Olympic coxed pair, Christie world in the succoxed pair, Christie world wind an another Olympic coxed pair, Christie world wind an an

By Jim Railton

A record entry of 387 crews including a large overseas entry from West Germany, the Netherlands and Italy, compete in today's Head of the River race (3.45)

ing team entry, there promises to be quite a scramble for the top crews in London's colours today starting in fourth and eleventh five places of honour in today's starting in fourth and eleventh from Leander, leading contenders sandwiched between them. The must include Thames Tradesmen, and italy, compete in today's Head of the River race (3.45)

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Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated.

First division

Birmingham v Newcastle Chester v York City Bearts v Celtic Bristol City v Aston Villa Gillingham v Wrexham Kilmarnock v Aberdeen Coventry v Tottenham H, Grimsby v Tranmere Motherwell v Partick Derby v Stoke Oxford Utd v Peterborough Rangers v Hibernian Liverpool v Leeds (11.30) Port Vale v Portsmouth Manchester C v Inswich Preston v Bury Scottish first division Norwich v Manchester U Reading v Lincoln Airdrie v Dundee Sunderland v QP Rangers Rotherham v C Palace Clydebank v Morton West Bromwich v Middlesbro .. Shrewsbury v Sheffield Wed East Fife v Arbroath

Blackpool v Cardiff Colton ▼ Oldham Burnley v Nottm Forest Chelses v Blackburn Hull City v Fulham Millwall v Orient Plymouth v Bristol Rov Sheffield Utd v Charlton Southampton v Luten

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Worthing V Lewes, Rainham V Mariow;
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sution United v Southal & Es; Tooting
& Micham v Hayes. Second division;
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iorsham v Harriord Town; Woldingham
fown v Cornichtan-Casuals.

MORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE:
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rateshead v Bangor City, Great Harrood v Boston United, Morecambe v
Watlock, Notherfield v Gelmberough,
luncorn v Goole, South Livernool v
vissiey, Stafford Rangers v Binton,
worksop v Macclestield.

Third division

West Ham v Everton Walsall v Chesterfield Falkirk v Dumbarton

Barnsley v Southport St Mirren v Raith Bradford v Doncaster Cotchester v Scinthorpe Scottish second division

Rochdale v Hartlepool Forfar v Albion Rovers Swansea v Newport Queen's Park v Mcadowbank ... Watford v Workington Stranger v Stirling Alb FA VASE: Semi-finals, first log:
Farmborough v Billericay; Sheffield v
Barton Rosers...
ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Final: Brentwood v Chamerbouse (al Crysial
Palace NRC).

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Mid-burry:

Lacrosse

LACTUSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Old Humelans; Cheadin v Mellor: Old Stoopfordlans; Cheadin v Mellor: Sherfield University v Stockport: South Manchester & Wythenshaw's Boardmap & Eccles.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Kentun v Buckhairst Hill. WOMEN'S MATCHES: All-England Chies and Colleges tournament (at Meton. 11.00).

BBC 1

Racing: Grand National preview Table tennis: World champion(12.30), Liverpool races 2.0
and 2.35, Grand National
3.15.

BBC 2—tomorrow Table tennis: World championships (1.55 and 9.20).
Rugby Union: London Welsh v
Gosforth (5.5).

Football : Preview (12.50)...

Table tennis: World champion- IBA-tomorrow ships (5.0 and 10.10).

Scottish premier division Rugby Union Arsenal v Leicester Brighton v Mansfield Dundee Utd v Ayr

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> y Polytechnic; Striptop y Ond Kingstonians: Wimbledon y Royal Artillery.
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> WOMEN'S MATCH: County Cham-WOMEN'S MATCH: County Cham-caship: Final (at GLC, Sutton).

Weekend television highlights

Football: Preview (12.50).

Boxing: Stracey v Green (1.10).

Table tennis: World champion-ships (1.25).

Rugby League: Widnes v Hull
Kingsion Rovers (3.45).

Football: Match of the Day
(11.10).

RAME Football: Preview (12.35).

Stock car racing: Gardena, California Towcester races at 1.30,
2.0, 2.30 and 3.5; Ascot races at 1.45, 2.15 and
2.50.

Management of the Party Sheene film (11.10).

Racing: Grand National (about 12.0).

Motorcycling: Barry Sheene film (3.15).

Wrestling: Walthamstow promotion (3.35).

Football: Big Match (2.15).

John Player Cup: Semi-final

round London Welsh v Costorth, Waterloo v Saratens, Waterloo V Saratens.

Club matches
Aberus n v Llanelli,
kath v Newbort.
Redford v lusts.
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Entry v Camborne.
Ebbw vale v New bridge (3.15).
Eater v Chollenham.
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Hull & ER v Fylde.
London Irish v OMT.
Metro Police v Si Metens.
Middlesbrough Huddersfield.
Middlesbrough V Superset Police.
Northamplon v Hacdingley,
Orttli v Covenbr.
Penarth v Maestes.
Rudby v Broughtin Park.
Silve v Wolffield.
Silve v Taunton
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Tredegar v Pontynrid.
(S Porlsmouth v Blackheath.
Wilmstow v Mantaton.

Rugby League Rugby League Cup: Semi-final Rugby fives National open schools chample final (at Whitgift School).

Tomorrow Football ... NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Worksop v Neuworffeld. Rugby Union
JOHN PLAYER CUP: Preliminary
round: Lewos v Chinner 1st Brighton
RFC, 3.00.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Old
Religations Past and Present XV v
International XV 14.00)

Rugby League Rugoy League
FIRST Division: Bradford Northern
v Castleford (5.50); Featherstone
Beyrns v Leeds (5.50); Leigh v Walein-in-Trinity (5.50); Oldham v Sallord
(5.50); Vigon v Barrow.
SECOND DIVISION: Blacknoon
ingrouph v Hallist; Hun v New Hunslei;
Hordon v Domester (5.50); Swinton
v Bramley: York v Whitchavon.

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COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire y
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Amritraj in top gear to dispose of **Nastase**

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent Vijay Amritraj, who was 2-3 down to life Nastase after their previous matches, beat him 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 to reach the semi-final round of the World Championship Tennis tournament at Earls Court last evening. The previous day Amritral had beaten Ken Rosewall for the first time. After such a success there is a danger of an emotional reaction in the

of an emotional reaction in the next round. But Amritraj again played gracefully punishing tennis and, except for a tentarive phase at the crisis of the second set, showed a more consistent sense of purpose than Nastase.

The Romanian began the match with an ace and on the seventh point hit a forehand service return of blazing beauty. His sure touch in exploiting a rich variety of spir provided further evidence that his game was working well. But the darker side of Nastase also cause to the surface: and the crowd's swift reactions to his petulant outbursts (never propetulant outbursts (newer pro-longed), indicated that the public were not prepared to stand any

were not prepared to stand any nonsense.

More to the point were the deficiencies of Nashase's concentration. From 3—2 up in the first set, he scored only four more points. From 3—1 up in the second be scored only five points in three games. After breaking service at the start of the third set, he scored only five more four games. In short, his same was working but his will was not—not consistently snyway. By countast Amritral was always in top gear mentally, though his gentle and generous nature was often evident in his appreciation of Nashase's most brilliant shots. At his best Nashase was the At his best Nastase was the better player. But Amritraj stayed longer on slightly lower peaks. The third time Nastase's concentration collapsed, he went down 1—4 in the third set. He then held his service, but in the next game was clearly struggling to hold his game together. Amritraj won this game with a second service Nastase thought was a fault. Americal offered to replay the point but Nastase insisted that with the linesman that the service was either in or out. Whereupon the umpire agreed with the linesman that the service was good. So Amritraj led 5—2.

Nastase, vexed, had another little tantrum and went 15—40 down. He saved that match point with an acc but was unmentify

with an ace but was promptly beaten by a backhaud down the line after a low pick-up by the Lloyd plots Eton's downfall Pakistan hit Indian. The interesting variations in Nustase's tennis tended to dis-tract attention from the more solid nierits of Amritral, who said later

merits of Amrinaj, who said later that he went into the match with two things in mind: "When he's at the losing end he always tends to hurry things up. I desided to take my time. And when he gets a set-up foretand, he always hits to the backhand volley." Annirraj kept risose thoughts for the day in the front of his mind. His was a remarkably good performance: so good that Nassase needed to keep his concentration all the time instead of part of needed to keep his concentration all the time instead of part of the time.

Dick Stockton, 9in taller and 3st 8lb heavier, beat Harold Solomon 6-3, 6-4 in a carchweight contest. Stockton's style is so natural and paccomplicated, so

direct in its measured brutality, that it is easy to forget the diffi-culty of the shots he plays with such flowing ease. After two games Solomon settled down in games Solomon settled down in a promising way, producing some teasing ground strokes and changes changes of pace. But from 3—2 and 30—all he scored only two points—and in the second set he became disconsolate and testy.

Rackets

Malvern have seldom played better By Our Rackets Correspondent

Malvern and Mariborough, the holders, will meet in the final round of the schools rackets championship at Queen's club today. Their fortunes in yesterday's semi-final round matches were markedly different. Malvern gave a performance that was ruth-less and intelligent to beat Halley-bury in four games while Mari-borough wavered before winning borough wavered before winning in seven games against Harrow.
Rosser and McDonald of Malvern beat Wakley and Ellis of Halleybury by 15—2, 15—10, 15—12, 15—10 and it is doubtful whether they have ever played better. Rosser, a left-hander like his partner and Wakley, was like quicksilver, picking up the most difficult abots, making numerous points on service and tying the opposition anto knots. He and McDonald had decided to make full use of the side-walls against two straight hitters.

Greensboro, North Carolina, April 1.—Peter Oosterhuis of Britain enters the second round of the \$235,000 Greater Greensboro Open golf tournament here today in joint seventh spot only four strokes off the lead. Oosoterhuis yesterday shor a par 71 to join a number of players, including the South African Garv ing the South African Cary Player, four strokes behind America's Andy Bean, who shot into the lead with a five-undertim use of the snow-walls against two straight hetters.

RESULTS: Schools rackobs champions. America's Andy Bean, who shot falleybury 'R. Waltoy and R. G. P. Ellist. 15—2, 15—10, 15—12, 15—16. The walton and I.O. Mariborough 'D. K. Walson and C. F. Worldige beat flarrow 'R. G. T. Worldige beat flarrow 'R. G. T. Thadall and D. J. G. Thomas! 17—0. Ilb—17, 13—13, 16—10, 10—17. 13

Show jumping Glazzard brings off double | Slough hope for a windfall on opening day of show

end of the afternoon in the Ballywill will Speed Stakes, which was
well won by Captain Con Power,
whose family bred the 1947 Grand
National winner, Lough Conn.
Captain Power, who was the
leading rider at last year's Dublin
Horse Show, and runner-up for
this title in Rome, came from
behind on Coolronan to give Ireland her first important victory
of the season.
Fred Broome, who has seen his By Pamela Macgregor-Morris Geoffrey Glazzard, who seems to have assumed the mantle discarded by Paddy McMahon since the latter decided to strike out on his own last month, is riding on his own last month, is rightly a vast string of horses at the Wales and West jumping show at Mount Ballan Manor, Crick, Chepston, which started its three-day run yesterday. He brought off a double, his main victory being in the Harris Carpet Stakes for grades A and B horses, which he won on Fred Harrisli's Penwood Kovii.

Michael Whitaker, who won four competitions at the Amberley show in Circucester Park last weekend, set the target in a jurg-off of 18 horses with a second clear

off of 18 horses with a second clear round on Brother Scot in 33.9ser. But Penwood Koyll clipped 0.7 seconds off this time and was never headed thereafter.

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But their high spot came at the

According to Michael Lawless, the ETTA's championship director, it means that the insurance taken out by the ETTA with their guarantee fund among their 8,500 affiliated clubs will not be needed. At 30p a head per player, this would have yielded £80,000 over three years. The first year's Oualifying competition:

Table tennis

England captain says top players should have an agent as in golf

As the qualifying competitions would their way endlessly through three rounds over 15 hours, Peter Simpson, England's non-playing At least the ETTA are confident that financially the present world championships are not going to prove an embarrassment. Total costs for them as hosts have passed. captain, turned his telescope at the world table tennis champion-£700,000. Birmingham corpora-tion provided the £168,000 for the rent involved for the National Exhibition Centre. Other contriships in Birmingham yesterday to the future. He disclosed that in his report to the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) he bations have come from the three-year involvement in the sport by Norwich Union, the largest com-mercial sponsors; incher sales hitherto of £125,000; and undiswould make strong recomm would make strong recommenda-tions aimed at making sure that England's leading players, the country's juniors and the area coaches, all had improved oppor-tunities to develop standards com-parable with those elsewhere in the world. closed revenue from relevision, the Government exhibition stands, pro-gramme edvertisers, and other

the world.

Mr Simpson, who is also national trainer and coach, admitted at a press conference that he believed an agent of the same ilk as Mark McCormack in American golf was needed in England to ensure that the top players in table tennis could earn a worthwhile living from the sport. Some good players in the past had left school to try, but had been on a hiding to nothing and had soon been lost to the game.

Keeping the best players in the

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Keeping the best players in the sport was one essential. Another was to give juniors the chance to continue their adult education while developing their table tennis ability. In this, he had a lot of faith in the centres of excellence, as they are called, planned for the years ahead by the Sports Council. The one at Leeds was already leading the way and others in time would play their parts. The best type of coaches also had to be found and encouraged.

All this would take time, Mr Simpson said, and would hardly have a lot of bearing on the 1979 world championships in North Korea. Meanwhile a great deal of time and money was being spent on filming and studying the techniques of the world's best players in Birmingham, and all this data would be analysed.

Mr Simpson's recommendations will form part and parcel of the complicated and massive restructuring of English table tennis in the coming months, following that extraordinary decision by the

the coming months, following that extraordinary decision by the game's international federation this week to reinstitute the distinctions between amateurs and pro-fessionals. Obviously it will be a gruelling close season this summer for the ETTA at their headquar-ters in Hastings, bardy a town noted since 1066 for successful

Golf Correspondent

Another cough day at Deal and
Sandwich reduced the Halford
Hewitt field to as strong a last 16
as could be expected. In a key
match Charterhouse found the
three points they needed against
Eron without resorting to the 18th
hole although apart from one
that which lunched away from
Eton the remainder all went to
the 17th, indicating a hard match.
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From a casual look at the draw one might have thought that Eton's best chance of a point lay in their fourth pair, Koch de Gooreynd and Marr, but in the event this was the match that went wrong for them. One up at the 10th and likely to become two

the 10m and likely to become two up when their opponents missed the 11th green, they took three putts there and lost the hole. They also lost the last four holes of the match and in this Lloyd played his part, striking a four fron to eight feer at the 15th to

win the hole and hitting the middle of the 16th with a one iron

to seal victory.

It was a gratifying result, because Lloyd, who plays off four at Sandwich, was a late choice for

at Sandwich, was a late choice for the team. Eton's only point came in the second match where Kimber and Critchley fluished strongly, Critchley holing from 12 feet to regain the lead at the 16th and hitting a glorious two wood from the rough at the 17th to deny their opponents any chance of recovery. Chartechouse were also heartened by the return of I Ouick. Nobody is allowed to hang about for long in hospitals these days, but it must be something of a record for a man to play a golf

a record for a man to play a golf match in a half gale as he did, one week after having a cartilage

removed There is no longer any such

thing as an open path to the final in this tournament but Charter-house are certainly in the easier half of the drow. One of their

Fred Broome, who has seen his family show in their home paddock grow apace to its present four-ring stature since he started it four years ago, underwent a major

eye operation last mouth, following

eye operation last month, removing a bad fall in the hunting field last winter, when he landed head first on a Monmouthshire hank. David Broome is naturally in Geneva with the British team, but

Oosterhuis in fine form

Women's singles
THIRD ROUND: Chen Huai-Ying
(China) best C. Verschiert (Belginm).

chinking against bolts from the money has already been collected blue. but apparently should now be available to be returned. All those thousands of players in schools, youth clubs, and in church halls can rest easy: Mr Healey remains can rest easy: Mr Healey remains their main problem.

England got three qualifiers through to the first round proper in the men's singles. They are Andrew Barden (Barnet) and Douglas Johnson (Birmingham) together with Robert Wiley, an 18-year old from Middlesbrough, who only scraped into the championships a fortnight ago when Nick Jarvis (Redear) finally yielded in his struggle to overcome a persistent back injury. Susan Liste (Cheshire) was the only English girl to pass through the three qualifying rounds. A disappointment was the fall at the first fence of Melody Ludi (Bradford).

Paul Raphael, the American No 5, was dismissed from the championships yesterday for disciplinary reasons.

Results in individual events

Men's singles

the remainder of the tournament takes place today and tomorrow there is a strong line up with an

important meeting between the two
Scottish schools Watsons and Merchiston. Merchiston, the holders,
were involved in one of the chief
dramas of the day after R. Boyd
and D. Frame had won their match

for Wellington at the 20th. Mer-chiston had to wait for their win-ming point until J. Briggs and P. Burt five up with six to play, staggered home on the last green.

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DEAL: Pirst remet: Wellington beat
King Edwards, Birmingham 4—1;
Merchiston beat Wellington beat
Second round: Maivern beat Westminster 3—3: Harrow beat Bradfield 44—1; Rossall beat Milli Hill

—1: Lancing beat Weekin 3—3:
Whitefiff beat Radkey 4—1; Loretto
heat Winchester 4—1; Wertons beat
Higheate 3—2; Merchiston beat
Wellington 3—3. Third round: Harrow
beat Maivern 3—2; Rossall beat Lanclag 4—1.

ling 4—1.

SANDWICH: First mound: Cheltenham
best Stonyhurst 5—0: Kings, Canterbury beal Canford 4—1: Oundle best
Sherbourne 40—2: Tannon beat Forest
4—1. Second round: Charterhouse best
Elon 51—112: Merchant Taylors best
Frumlingham 4—1: Tombridge best
Eastbourne 3—2: Downside best Livernool 5—2: Cranicigh beat Uppingham
4—1: Mariborugh best Haileybury
Chilenham beat Kings Canterbury
3—2: Oundle best Tagnion 4—1.

produced a 68 on a windy Forest Oaks Country Club course. Bill Mallon is in fourth place after a

Cricket

the final might be Mariborough who this year are becoming drama specialists. After their extra holes victory in the first round, they had to go to the 21st in the third and final match yesterday before they beat Halleybury. The Halleyburians, P. R. Royle and J. Howlett had their chances, notably at the 19th where they took three putts with their opponents always taking five. Mariborough in the persons of B. Carrick and R. Whitmore, owed a good deal to Carrick who holed three times from six feet to keep the match alive They won with a three at the 21st where Halleybury took three to get down from the edge of the green. Carrick's brother-in-law, W. J. Uzzelli, also contributed to his side's victory by partnering A. J. Hill to victory ou the last green against M. F. Bonellack and R. W. Richardson. At Deal where the remainder of the tournament takes place today and tomorrow the first day of the fourth Test match against. West Indies at Queen's Park Oval here today.

After losing their first two wickets for 19 runs, they had recovered to be 99 for three at lunch, with Majid Khan, their opening batsman, in fluent form after a hesitant beginning against the three-pronged West Indies fast bowling.

The man who did the early damage was Coberts, the

amage was Soberts, the Antiguan. Making the most of the humid atmosphere and early moisture in the pitch, he grabbed the wicket of Sadiq Mohammad, the opening batsman, off his fifth ball. ball.
Sadio, who has been hit several times by the West Indies fast bowlers, faced a ball which rose sharply from just short of a length, but his glove and flew to

length, hit his glove and flew to Lloyd at fourth slip. He was out for nought and Pakistan were one for one. Zaheer Abbas joined Mafid at the wicket and set about pounding the fast bowlers off a length, striking two glorious hooks. Then he reached for a ball wide of his off stump and dragged kt on to his wicket. He had scored

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For an hour, Majib Khan and
Haroon Rashid defied the West
Indian bowlers, although both en-

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joyed good fortune. Majid was bowled by a no-ball from Joel Garner when 10, Haroon was dropped by Roy Fredericks at gully off Roberts when one. Haroon did not prosper from his chance. He had made 11 when his chance. He had made 11 when he played forward to a ball from the left-arm wrist spinner, Inshan Ali, snicked it on to his boot and was caught on the rebound by Kallicharran at first slip.

The best batting came in the final 40 minutes before lunch when Majid and the Pakistani captain, Mushtaq Mohammad, showing his best form of the series, added 48 runs,

PAKISTAN: First Innings
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Ice hockey

at Goosedale Farm

By Sydney Friskin

As the English hockey season draws to a close the scramble continues for the few plums that are left. There are no easy pickings tomorrow for the teams involved in the semi final round of the national club championship and the London League. and the London League.
In the club championship, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, Notpiogham, the titleholders, are at home to Slough at Goosedale Farm (3 p.m.). St Albans will meet Beckenham at Clarence Park (2.30). If Beckenham and Slough survive these tests their meeting on May 1 will be a reenactment of the South final, which Beckenham won by 1—0 on December 19 last year.
Slough have the more difficult task tomorrow; Nottingham are fielding 10 of the players who won fielding 10 of the players who won the final last season when they beat Hounslow 2—0 in London, the only absentee being Stokes, who scored one of their goals. So Nottingham are soundly equipped and well prepared. Their prime task will be to cope with Slough's stick artists, Salai, and Khehar, who are in top form. This means that Elson, the Nottingham captain, will have a heavy burden to carry in mid-field.

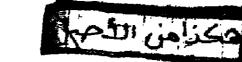
Slough's defence will be somewhat weakened by the absence of

Parris, who suffered a serious arm injury last week and may be owt of the game for some time. His stabilizing influence on the ream as a whole will probably be missed more than anything else, but Slough still have enough talent to give them a reasonable chance of winning through.

Sr Albans the Face champions St Albans, the East champions, have reached the last four for the first time. Their team is well stocked with distinguished Heristocked with distinguished Hertfordshire players such as Morgan,
Ashby, and Holbrook, who have
served them well in earlier
matches. Beckenham, likewise, are
well represented by some of the
best players to be found in Kent.
These include McDiosh, Mills,
Page and Westwood; and there
is Armone constitutions in attack. is Armour, conspicuous in attack, not in defence. There is an even distribution of ralent in this match which might well go into extra time and penalty strokes.

The semi-final line-up for the London League 1s: Spencer v These four teams have come through a hard slog in prolonged fixture commitments, although slogging is unlikely to be a feature of their play tomorrow.

diockey: Nomen's county chempionship: semi-linal round; Lance-shire 2. Sattordates 0: Sattey L. Cloucoptershire 1.



The birth The Avengers

Howard Thomas





Above left : Macnee an Hendry (right), 1961

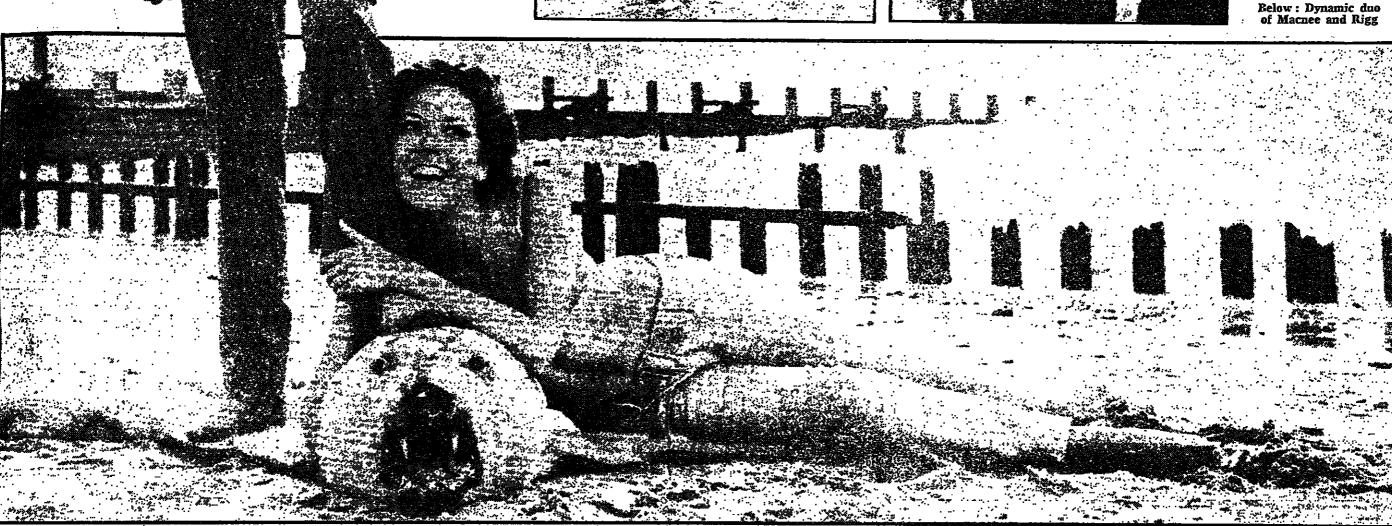
Above right : Macned with Julie Stevens

Far left : Another villain felled

Left: Honor Blackman as Cathy Gale







The early success of Independent Television owed much to Sunday night programme planning, when two-thirds of viewers switched to the combination of ATV's "Sunday Night at the London Palladium" and ABC's "Armchair Theatre". From the outset I had faith in the one-act play specially written for television, and Dennis Vance set up "Armchair Theatre", rehearsed in London for two weeks then broadcast live from Manchester after a single day in the studio. Then on BBC I watched a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation play "Flight into Danger" and found that the producer, Sydney Newman, was a man with a reputation for choosing topical subjects and then schooling writers to turn them into television scripts. "Flight into Danger" was written by a journalist, Arthur Hailey. Sydney Newman flew over to lunch with me at the Ivy on Christmas Eve and within four months joined us at ABC Television.

Armchair Theatre reached the drama although sometimes it also touched the depths of depression. The Duily Mail headlined his move with "BBC Signs TV 'Dustbin' Man.". This was unfairly sensational his was unfairly sensational his way and the sensational h the end of the nineteen-fifties provided Sydney's dramatists with plenty of depressing sub-

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As the percentage increased of realistic and gloomy plays I suggested to Newman that our schedules needed balancing with something more light-hearted and sophisticated.
I reminded him of the days when MGM produced sparkling comedies tailored for their contract stars like Clark Gable, Carole Lombard, Myrna Loy and Norma Shearer, elegantly dressed and in fashionable setting. tings. Why couldn't we make a series based, for instance, on The Thin Man, with characters like those made famous by William Powell and Myrna Loy? This suggestion appealed to the ever-receptive Sydney and he came back quickly with a proposal. Seeking popular new series he had coined a title, Police Surgeon, which seemed to have the elements of boxoffice appeal. In spite of the performance of a compelling young-actor, Ian Hendry, the first episodes had made little impact. We looked at a newly completed episode in which Ian Hendry acted with Patrick Macnee, an actor who had recently returned to Britain after a few years in Holly-wood. In the episode Macnee's girl friend had been murdered and the two men vowed to avenge her death.

Sydney Newman's proposal was that we should team the two actors. Hendry again as a doctor and Macnee as a manabout town agent. A girl was needed to match them and as we could not decide upon the most suitable of two actresses we alternated Julie Stevens, a young contract actress ABC had found in Manchester, with a former Rank starlet who had matured into an accomplished actress, Honor Blackman.

The first series of what was now called The Avengers began in January, 1961. ATV's refusal

During Sydney Newman's four to network it gave the proand a half years with ABC, gramme an unexpected opportunity for a provincial beights of British television out, the method by which charges B. Cochran used to polish his revues in Manchester before bringing them to London to confront West End year's run was interrupted by Man." This was unfairly sensa-nonal but undoubtedly a play series which mirrored life at were able to launch the series be type-cast in a regular series and he dropped out, although he continued to appear often for ABC in important plays. Honor Blackman's stylish auth-ority was exactly right for the part of Cathy Gale. Julie Stevens went off in the opposite direction, to become one of the regular presenters in a BBC children's programme.

The Avengers unit quickly became a dedicated team, with an eager young Scot, John Bryce, as producer working Bryce, as producer working closely with Richard Bates as story editor. Patrick Macnee was dandified in Edwardian style, wearing braided suits and embroidered waistcoats, plus a curly bowler hat and an umbrella-swordstick. Macnee did not carry a gun but was always ready to use ungentlealways ready to use ungentlemanly ractics in dealing with
rough customers. Michael
Whittaker and Frederick
Starke designed clothes for
Honor Blackman, and her mantailored suits, high boots,
leather jerkins and cat suits
started fashion trends which
became a trade-mark of the
programme. Richard Bates (a
son of the author H. E. Bates) son of the author H. E. Bates) had dozens of writers at one time or another working on the series, but the main scripts he selected came from Roger Marshall, Erian Clemens, Eric Paice and Malcolm Hulke.

Produced on videotape at Studies, Teddington Avengers became a national hir once ATV gave in and we were allotted air time in Lon-don. Overseas interest was considerable and our film company's distributors in the United States were optimistic of its chances there. The handicap was that there was no satisfactory electronic method transferring British 405-line television videotapes to the American 525-line standard.

thriller, and, secondly, its ton-gue-in-cheek impudence and way-out situations which captured the more selective viewers. I tried to stimulate London to confront West End our Elstree film people to critics and audiences. The first make a feature film of The Avengers or, at least to put Honor Blackman under con-tract because of her obvious feature film appeal, but with-out response. Instead Harry in what became the familiar out response. Instead Harry format. Ian Hendry had Saltzman stepped in and signed decided that he had no wish to up Honor for his James Bond or the made an instant ies and she made an instant hit as Pussy Galore.

This was happening at a time when I was encouraging the parent company, ABPC, to invest a million pounds in a filmed television series of The Avengers. At Elstree studios the corporation had made several half-hearted sallies into television film series like Fly-Detective but none of them had recovered their costs.
Meanwhile Lew Grade had followed up the Robin Hood
filmed series he had inherited
from Hannah Weinstein by
making The Saint, with Roger
Moore and Danger Man star. Moore, and Danger Man, starring Patrick McGoohan.

tape like The Avengers or Callan, with two weeks in re-hearsal followed by two days in the television studios, was £10,000 above the line plus another £10,000 for studio costs and overheads. "Above-the-line means the actual costs around its propositions of actual costs." cash expenditure on actors, writers, sets and costumes. In television, artists' and writers' fees are based on a single per-formance in the United King-dom, with additional payments repeats and for overseas

A similar script, produced in a film studio at the normal average series rate of five minutes a day, would take two weeks of full studio usage, plus the consequent cost of editing and dubbing music and sound effects. Such film costs averaged £40,000 for a one-hour episode, but this included world rights on actors' performances and writers' scripts. The ITV network would pay £20,000 for two transmissions

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American starlet in the part of Earnings on this scale almost impossible to achieve unless the series was sold to America, either through a network or syndicated to a few hundred individual stations. Only ATV and ABC ever succeeded in breaking into the American networks, although years later the BBC managed years later the BBC managed to get one or two of its costume play series and documentaries transmitted. Partly because of my contention that a filmed series of The Avengers would bring a year's work to Elstree studio stages the Board of ABPC finally agreed to let me spend the million pounds on 26 one-hour programmes in black-and-white film.

Julian Wintle was a feature film producer with a reputa-tion for producing consistent films of quality on a commer-cial basis, and we had already gone through a trial run in making The Human Jungle, a series he brought to ABC. Wintle's particular skill was in the editing of film and his postproduction touches could pro-vide the gloss and glamour The Avengers demanded. I put all Ten years ago, the economics of one-hour drama series was that the production cost per episode of a series on video-tape like The Avengers or Calata and cast, and to all this he added his arms table aided his ers, and cast, and to all this he added his own skills, aided by his production Albert Fennell. supervisor

Honor Blackman almost irreplaceable until we came across another actress who was both beautiful and accomplished. Having lost our script editors invented a new character, Emma Peel. The name was coined by a press officer on the ABC series, Marie Donaldson, based on:
"Man appeal—m appeal—
Emma Peel! See?"

Wintle and I scrutinized all the tushes and the rough cuts of the first three episodes. They were depressing. The actress was not right for the part. The three episodes were not good enough. I had to make a bitter decision. At a cost of the £120,000 already spent, I had to halt production and find a replacement.

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tests of a dozen young actresses. Many were promising, yet not sufficiently outstanding. Then Dodo our casting director, asked me to look at an actress she had cast for an Armchair Theatre comedy. The play had just been recorded but not transmitted, and we played it back on closed circuit. The actress was a member of Peter Hall's Royal Shakespeare Company and she was attractive, intelli-gent, combative and had a fine since of comedy. She came to Elstree Studios for a film test and (for this was vital) to play a scene opposite Pat Macnee. The chemistry worked—they were perfectly partnered. Diana Rigg was signed up on a long-term contract to play the

Our overseas sales were then being handled by Bob Norris, a Californian who, as a conse quence of marrying an English girl, settled in Britain. Although interest had been aroused in the States, in spite of the rather fuzzy telerecord-ings of earlier video-taped episodes, there was no sign of a sale to any of the three major United States networks. With half the filmed series com-pleted, and half a million pounds spent, the situation began to look desperate. Norris and I flew to New York to ta kle the network bosses.

It was the worst week of my television life. Every day we would set forth from the Gotham Hotel with our cans of film, our charts and statistics, and plod around Manhattan, talking to executives and screening episodes to potential buyers. Every evening we would slump back into our would slump back into our chairs in the hotel and hope for the telephone to ring.

Both NBC and CBS continued to show interest but we encountered the inbuilt antipathy to British accents and lack of pace which the British film industry has rarely been able to overcome. Again, we discovered, the programme buyers in top jobs at the network were cautions and un-adventurous, because their livelihood depends upon successful decisions and they were

Then I had a stroke of good fortune. I had known for many years the president of the ABC network, Leonard Goldenson, who had come into television from the film world of Para-

mount and on several occa-sions he had visited our company, ABC, in London. An anglophile, he appreciated the quality of British production in films, theatre and television and he was most helpful and encouraging. However some-times nothing can be more fatal than a boost from the boss and a recommendation or even an instruction from the front office can be the kiss of death to a hopeful performer or producer. Luckily, Tom Moore, the ABC programme executive, had screened several episodes of The Avengers with increasing interest, and this confirmation of his own judgment proved to be timely.

By Friday morning, our last day in New York, Norris and I found ourselves with two final hurdles to overcome. The films were in black-and-white and the networks were insisting that all series should now be filmed in colour. We talked our way out of this on the thin excuse that The Avengers would have the distinction of being the last TV series sold to America in monochrome. Our remaining hope had been to get the series into the network schedule during the summer months, when the regular pro-gramme series were off the air. Otherwise the second and final chance was that our series could be a replacement for one of the other new series which collapsed in the early months of a new season. ABC said they might be willing to take the first 13 programmes on this basis in black-and. white. If by some miracle the series succeeded and they wanted more, then we would have to go into colour for the second 13. The other difficulty was the unknown girl who was starring in the series. Now that a sale was within sight flocks of ABC executives came to or ABC executives came to screenings of the episodes to inspect the product they might be handling in their respective departments. They all thought her very good, but she was completely unknown. They had never heard of her. She

American starlet in the part of Emma Peel-

refused. The essence of The Avengers was its English-That was the quality which basically appealed to them and I insisted it would also be a reason for winning a also be a reason for winning a new audience; something totally unlike any American series. We held on, and Diana Rigg stayed in, to become a television star in the United States as well as throughout the world. Long after, Diana was besieged by all three American networks to appear in a series of her own, built American networks to appear in a series of her own, built around her, at her own price. Ultimately the vehicle designed for her followed a typical American pattern and could indeed have been played by an American actress, but it failed to be a series of which Diana Rigg could be proud.

Back we came to London, with 13 episodes sold, to try to convert the remaining episodes to colour, even though we would have to go above budget Weeks of waiting went by, until the first Nielsen Research audience raings were telephoned to us. Then came the cable when ABC took up the options for the second 13 and, with the series already leaping into popularity, an option for another 26 in colour. The Avengers developed into a cult in the United States and even today when I go to New York repeats are still run-ning in the small hours.

A happy moment was when the contracts were signed and we announced the sale to the United States, forecasting how many millions of dollars the many millions of dollars the series was going to bring to Britain. The Evening Standard headlined this as the biggest television deal ever made with the United States. Within an hour of publication a furious Lew Grade was on the telephone yelling that it was not the biggest deal. His were always the biggest deals! In fact, The Avengers ultimately earned 10 million dollars overearned 10 million dollars overseas and revenue is still com-

The most pleasing aspect to me was that we had produced the series to British standards and not to American requirements. This has always been not even a British star! What the difference in attitudes the series needed, they were towards overseas sales between

Lew Grade and myself. He has always preferred to run two business operations: his ATV then his other output of pro-grammes designed specifically then his other output of for the American market. Sometimes I have jokingly reminded him that he should be concentrating on Birmingham, Rugland, rather than Birmingham, Alabama. My policy for the two companies I started was, first, to satisfy the British audience. If in accomplishing that we confidence that the started was a confidence to the started was a confidence. plishing that we could achieve international standards of quality we should be able to sell such programmes overseas. This seems to be the BBC policy, as well, and I think that our moderate success in the United States with programmes of quality has done much to maintain the high reputation of British drama Our policy has certainly been justified in the important mar-ket of Australia where British television programmes, pri-marily BBC and our own, have now assumed the lead over American products.

remain a difficult target and at the time of writing Sir Lew appears to have given them up, too, and instead has turned to producing feature films for the cinemas. The gamble of making television film series for the American market has become enormous.
production cost of production cost of The Avengers (and I presume The Saint too) rose from £40,000 to £60,000 an episode. Today it would cost more than £80,000 to produce an Avengers of comparative quality. To make the required minimum series of 26 would cost two million pounds, a venture few would contemplate with optimism. Series like The World at War were not accepted by the American networks, mainly because there is no room in their schedules for series of 26 one-hour documentaries; but by slogging away around the United States, city by city, our distributors sold this series to 64 individual stations in the principal cities and earned \$1,500,000.

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Broadcasting Saturday

The final part of the blockbusting economic parable The Age of Uncertainty (BBC 2 7.40) finds an international gathering including Edward Heath and Jack Jones talking about world issues, New Faces Final (ITV 7.0) has stars competing for a Las Vegas trip and Dr Who (BBC 1 6.30) ends his entertaining adventure in gas-lit London.---T.S.

BEC 1

Grahame. 11.45, Laurel and Thermal Analysis; 9.20, Hardy. 12.05 pm, Mack Sement. Maths—Topology (2);

6.30 Dr Wpo 6.55 Moscow State Circus. 8.00 Morecambe and Wise Open Door, 6.30, Sight and Sound

9.05 Kojak. 10.35 News. 10.45 Match of the day. 12.05 am, Weather. * Black and white. .

BBC WALES: 8.50-9.15 am, Tellifant, light entertainment, 12.20 am, to the construction of the construction

9.15 am. Plain Sating. 9.40. Be a Sport. 16.10. The Lone Ranner Show. 10.30. The Beaties. 10.50. Film: Rockety Galore. With Jeanne Caron. Donald Shore. With Jeanne Caron. Donald Shore. 6.15. Loryon. 11.40. Film: Never put it in Widdland With Pal. Boone. 1.10 am. Teank You.

BBC 2

9.00 am, Chigley. 9.15, Cartoon. 7.40 am-1.55 pm, Open University: 9.35, Robinson Crusoe.* 10.00, Ford Interview (1); 8.05, An-Movies, with Red Skelton, Gloria Electricity and Magnetism; 8.55, 4.30; 12.45, Football Focus; 1.05, of Lysozyme; 11.25, Sweden: Inrenal; 12.45, FOOLDAIL FOCUS; 1.05, of Lysozyme; 11.25, Sweden: Inliternational Boxing; 1.20, Table
Tennis; 3.45, Rugby League Cup
Semi-final, Widnes v Hull KR: Approach to Energy; 12.40, Demo4.40, Final Score. 5.10, Pink
Panther.

5.30 News. Sport.
5.45 Disney.

Or Lysozyme; 11.25, Sweden: Industrial Democracy; 11.20, Pm., A School
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Government and Politics. 2.45,
Film: An Ideal Husband. With Paulette Goddard, Michael Wilding. 4.20, Think of a Number. 4.50, Cartoon. 5.00, Table Tennis. 6.00,

7.30 .. News. 7.40 The Age of Uncertainty.

10.10 Table Tennis 11.10 News. 11.15 Film: Brute Force, with Burt Lancaster, Charles Tyne Tees Bickford.*

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London Weekend

9.00 am, Plain Sailing. 9.25, Supersonic. 9.30, Hammy Hamster. 9.50, Zorro.* 10.25, Film: Merton of the alysing Social Inferaction; 8.30, Castaway (r). 10.20, Junior Police Movies, with Red Skelton, Gloria Electricity and Magnetism; 8.55, 5. 10.30, The Rovers (r). 11.00, me.* 11.45, Laurel and Thermal Analysis; 9.20, Pure Supersonic. 11.30, Space 1999.

** 12.05 pm, Mack Separett.* Maths—Topology (2); 9.45, 12.30 pm, World of Sport with

Grandstand, including: Mechanics—Particles; 10.10, Data 12.35, On the Ball; 1.00, Stock Car Grand National Day—12.30, 1.45, in the Computer; 10.35, Solving Championship, 1.10, News. 1.20, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.35, 2.45, 3.15, Linear Equations; 11.00, Structure FTV Seven from Towcester and FTV Seven from Towcester and Ascot; 3.15, Barry Sheene; 3.35, Wrestling; 3.50, Round-up; 4.00, Wrestling ; 4.50, Results.

5.05 News. 5.15 Muppet. 5.45 Happy Days. 6.15 Celebrity Squares. 7.00 New Faces Final.

8.15 Rich Man, Poor Man. 10.00 Yes-Honestly. 10.30 News. 10.45 All You Need is Love. 11.45 From A Bird's Eye View. 12.15 am Close; Tina Heath reads Godfacts by Dick Williams.

Scottish

Yellow House, 1 11.05, Animated Supersonic, 12.30 Batmen, 8.05, Po L, 11.45, It All 15 am, End of the

cal Angio-Saxons an impression of intense and slightly forbidding dedication. Here, no doubt about it, is a manifestation of the spirit of those who see themselves as the people of God in a special sense; no wonder the state of Israel began and has andured. One comes and has endured. One comes away from such a programme. if not with one's warmest sym-pathies aroused, at least with a certain understanding and respect. That seems to me worth

Radio

Under the McIntyre flag

It was unfortunate for Ian McIntyre that his announcement of changes for Radio 4 happened in the same week as happened in the same week as of the comedy show) comes The the unveiling of Annan. One might argue that a declaration of firm intent which, after April and unless the world ends operatic ladies, are the creation of the comedy show) comes The Enchanting World of Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket, two aging operatic ladies, are the creation that the standards of the comedy show) comes The Enchanting World of Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket, two aging operatic ladies, are the creation to the standards of the comedy show) comes The Enchanting World of Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket, two aging operatic ladies, are the creation that the standards of the comedy show) comes The Enchanting World of Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket. the meanwhile, will actually change what comes out of our loudspeakers, is more noteworthy than 500 pages of hopes ful recommendations. In spite ful recommendations in spite formidable Hilda Tablet, but no der and because of it I now have two weeks programmes to attend to and am inclined to let him keep it for another seven days. Today it might be appropriate to look at some of what is now going out under the McIntyre flag before examining what he intends to do about it.

I suspect that anybody who has read this column more than has read this column more than twice will have come across some faintly offensive reference or other to the doings of religious broadcasting: it has always seemed to me that a department of that name should take at least an occasional interest in the practices and beliefs of people who, like the Christian Church, also see their religion as a container of truth—if not unarguably the their religion as a container of truth—if not unarguably the container, which has rather been the Christian view of things. The fact that large and increasing numbers of the adherents of these other faiths now live here and are Eritish citizens, gives the point that much more weight: might it not aid the somewhat sticky process of assimilation if we knew a little assimilation if we knew a fittle more of their religious ways? Perhaps it is a matter of time: I do not know exactly how long it is since Edward I's order of expulsion against the Jews became of no effect, but Judaism has occasionally had some attention on the air and indeed last Sunday the whole of the half hour from 7.30 went to The Night of Freedom, a pre-sentation and explanation of the Seder ceremony which tonight, in observing Jewish homes beins the festival of Passover. Ann MacNamara had been admitted as a family guest to one such ceremony and she pre-sented extracts from it interspersed with an interpretation of its symbolism. "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt" runs the text of the Haggadeh and one must note the "we" although it is a tale of anceswhich is part of the ceremonial meal, signifies both renewing life and the toughening of the Jewish people by experience. Such detail—and there was plenty more—provokes ques-tion: is a roasted egg not also barren? The occasion as a whole conveys to us lackadaisi-cal Auglo-Saxons an impression

Successor to The Burkiss Way (which merked a sharp improvement in the standards affair intolerably arch, not enchanting in the very least.

Any series called The Better Half has got to be first cousin to Petticoat Line and when you open it with a team of speakers which includes Barbara Cartifold land, you invite the suspicion that it IS Petticoat Line renamed. I do not hope to say anything that will modify the Cardand persona: like St Pancras Station, there it is and you just have to get on with it. In fact, I find it quite enjoyable to view the pinnacles and turrets of such a vast and Gothic rets of such a vast and cothic rets of such as a vast and cothic rets of such as various such as a various such a edifice of opinion rising out of the often undifferentiated landscape of radio char. Its presence is, however, absolutely inimical to rational discourse and that, as I have since discovered, is what The Better Half (a murrain on that title!) sets out to be. For the most part, it succeeds. Chaired by Thomas and produced by Madeau Stewart, it is reminiscent of a girls only version of A Word in Edgeways. I hope no male egalitarian will be so unmannerly as to obtain an injunction against it for in-fringement of the Sex Discrim-ination Act.

Of all its current series, Vivat Of all its current series, Vivat Rex is the one which Radio 4 has told its listeners they should value most. I must say that its weekly offer of entertainment is one I am finding less and less difficult to refuse—and this owes little to the phoney Burton build-up which one simply has to try to set aside. In fact in the detail of the series, in the direction and acting, there is a great deal to ing, there is a great deal to admire. The difficulty is that, try as I may, I cannot see Vivat
Rex as what I believe it is
supposed to be: an integrated
history of large philosophical compass. It remains obstinately bits of Marlowe, Shakespeare and Anon whose link is by narrative and chronology but not by conception. Now that we are firmly into Shakespeare country, I suppose there is a chance things will improve.

A one-off programme was
Eric Ewens's anniversary
memorial to Israe Newton, Let
Newton Be! It turned out a rather pedestrian piece and one which really did not offer a sufficient explanation of its sub-ject's fame. This was one of radio's standard Biographies of the Great; change name and detail and it will do for anyone. Of course it is difficult to exand significance of revolution ary scientific ideas, but it isn't, as one might conclude from this

David Wade

Half of Sir Lew Grade's six-hour epic Jesus of Nazareth (ITV 6.15) starring Robert Powell and directed by Zeffirelli is shown tonight, Jubilee (BBC 1 7.25) visits a 1953 street party, led by actress Georgina Hale and James Bond abounds—in the spoof 1967 film Casino Royale (BBC 1 2.0) and in Film 77 (BBC 1 11.25) with a clip from the yet to be seen The Spy Who Loved Me.—T.S.

9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30-9.45, Barnaby. 10.35, Zarabanda. 11.00, Wordpower. 11.25, Service. 12.10 pm, Having a Baby. 12.35, The 60 70 80 Show. 1.00, Farming 1,000: 1.30, Other People's Children, part 13: Food for Thought. 1.43, An ABC of Music. 1.55, News. 2.00, Film: Casing Royale. 4.05, Eugs Bunny. 4.10, Gospel Rock. 5.00, Nicholas Nickleby.

On the Move.
A Place Called Loppiano. A Place Called Loppiano.
Songs of Praise.
Play: Street Party, by Ted
Willis, with Georgina Hale,
Julian Holloway.
Film: The High and the
Mighty, with John Wayne,
Claire Trevor; Robert Newton. 10.35 News. 10.45 That's Life. 11.25 Film 77.

1.55 Weather. Black and white. Regional Variation as BBC 1 except: Regional variation as BRC 1 except:
BRC Walles: 11,00-11.25 am, Salari to
Mexico, 2.00 pm, The Fattastic Journey, 2.50, Yn Yr Ardd, 3.15-4.10,
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6.16, India: Tears in the Dust, 8.607.25, Dechriu Canu Dechrau Canno,
11.25, Contrento Report: "77-11.50,
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11.55 pm, Weather, NORTHERN IRELAND:
11.55 pm, Weather.

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Westward

BBC 2 8.30, Foundation Maths; 8.55, Transmission Lines; 9.20, Nutrition Feeding: 9.45, Geological Time; 10.10, Building of Florence Cathedral; 10.35, Control in the Community; 11.00, The Venetian Twins 11.50, The OU v Private Life; 12.15

11.50, The OU v Private Life; 12.15 pm. Reading Development; 12.40, Rich Law, Poor Law?; 1.05, Urban Education; 1.30, Nineteenth-century Coal. 1.55, World Table Tennis Championships. 5.05, Rugby Special: John Player Cup Semi-final: London Welsh v Gosforth. 6.05, BC: Part II.

6.35 News Review. 7.10 · The Light of Experience. 7.25 The World About Us: Aboriginal Art in Australia. News.

8.20 The Lively Arts: Whose Dr 9.20 Table Tennis. Film: Un Carnet de Bal, with Marie Bell, Louis Jou-vet, Fernandel.*

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Radio

London Weekend 9.30 am, Catch '77, 10.00, Se

11.00, The Beachcombers: The Investigator (r). 11.30, Be a Sport. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Tomfoolery. 1.45, The Protectors. 2.15, The Eig Match. 3.15, Film: Contraband Spain, with Richard Greene, Anouk Aimee. 4.35, Just William. 5.05, Edward the Seventh. 6.05 News.

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6-15 Film: Film: Jesus of Nazareth with Robert Powell. 9.15 News. 9.30 Doctor on the Go.

10.00 Film: Crucible of Terror. 11.45 The London Programme. 12.15 am, Close: Tina Heath read: Godfacts.

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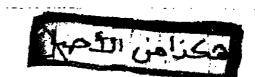
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Paperbacks of the month

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Fiction Lovingly constructed lives

SAUL BELLOW: From Penguin, The Victim (60p); The Adventures of Augie March, (£125); Seize the Pay (55p); Jumboldt's Gift (95p).

was fashionable in some undergraduate circles in the United States to argue that Saul Bellow's best novel was the first you ever read, whichthe first you ever read, which ever one that was. That was mo glib by far, suggesting that fellow lost the capacity to surprise after one introduction, but I must admit that my introduction, Henderson the Rain King, is the book I hold most valuable for its rictous invention and unforgettable

The worlds Bellow invents are so disrinctive, and appear so truthful, that the next book, despite familiar obsessions and aspirations, must contradict the first. Because he appears o write histories, not fiction, and the detailed strokes of spe-cilicity suggest memory more than invention, he sometimes seems to provide alternative sumbiographies.

His characters can coexist, owever, in a world shaped by events larger than themselves: the Depression, Prohibition, the Second World War, the vagaries of the stock market; though his heroes keep slipping the lifelines of philosophy, or psychology, thrown to them by books or evangelizing ecouaintances.

Of three novels just re-cinted by Penguin, The Vicprinted by Penguin. The Vic-tim, published in 1947 and his second novel, is a domestic encapsulation of the persecunon of the Jews under Hitler. The Adventures of Augie March is a picaresque tale of a mentieth-century wandering lew. Seize the Day chronicles a day in the breakdown of a an beaten by ambition and

The Victim's hero, Levenby an old acquaintance, a Jewbailing alcoholic who accuses Leventhal of ruining his life. Grieved at the death of a nephew, and guilt-obsessed, Leventhal gradually accepts the blame. As he is more and more victimized by the tramp who claims to be his victim, he slips towards a death horribly like the deaths of Auschwitz. A masterful and chilling The Victim gave no biot of the lovingly constructed life of Angie March that was to

come next. A circumcised Peer

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Richard Liewellyn do

write his English funny, isn't it?), but all popular mind, fair play; sold like tons of coal indeed; and the writing of the fourth one subsidized by the

Welsh Arrs Council: well, there is lovely. Halleluyah, Amen.
Mr Llewellyn's prose is
singular, but I know I am
probably in a minority in find-

ing it irritating. It comes be-

tween me and the tales he is trying to tell. It tries to repro-

duce, in a lyrical manner, a

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RICHARD

Gynt, or a bit of a male Molt Flanders, March takes any offer, and travels by turn through big business and union radicalism to Mexico to train an eagle and be in love, to Canada to smuggle immigrants. It is a large, loving book free of guilt and free of rancour. The narrator is March and the parrative covers his life for as long as it has been

life for as long as it has been lived. But, in many ways, the subject is not March, but those who influence him, who outfit him in new clothes or transplant him to make him over in their image. their image. In Augie March, Bellow

managed a comment on America and, indeed, the first of his "big" books, but the blurb on the back could dismay prospective readers: From Saul Bellow here is another BIG book: the rumhustious, larger-than-life adventures of Augie March—spawned in Chiero, torpedoed from the Merchant Marine, apprenticed to the "International Set", ex-poker-player extraor-dinsies

Set", ex-poker-player extraor-dinaire. Seize the Day is barely a chapter of Augie March, but if new readers are not too put off by the blurb, they will find inside a vignette of some interest, a microscopic study of a man's collapse. Unlike the contradicting siren calls in the

contradicting siren calls in the other novels. Seize the Day turns on a single illumination, the prophesying call by the stock-market chear who loses. Tommy Wilhelm's money, to "seize the day", to belong—years before the humanistic psychologists abused the term out of recognition—in the "here and now".

The book that preceded

The book that preceded Bellow's Nobel Prize, Humboldt's Gift, has a luminous power, a spiritual dimension, beyond any of the earlier story-talling It is in part about the beyond any of the earlier story-telling. It is, in part, about the struggle of the prize-winning author Charliee Citrine to wake from the sleep of his life, to reconcile poetic preoccupations with the day-to-day world, to balance art and business, money and satisfaction. The women in his life, predators and saints, are primal forces to be met by sacrifice, hard-earned respect-ability is risked in a relentless flirtation with gangland. All events, all illuminations, are bioged on Citrine's first personal knowledge of a poet, his friendship with the doomed Von Humboldt Fleisher, and the legacy of that relationship year's after Humboldt's death.

Although granted a separate history by Bellow, Citrine is bound to the Chicago of Augie March. Decades separate their adventures, but the aging hero of Humboldt's Gift is March become author, still buffeted by the wills of others, but finding his way to contentment. Grace-ful, comic and thoughtful, the comic and thoughtful, the book contains multitudes.

Ned Chaillet

Welsh way of speaking, with fragments of Welsh-language speech patterns in an attempt to add authenticity. But it ends fragile, considering the weight up being complex, often rambing, sometimes ludicrous and it once supported. certainly not authentic. You Buchan understood this sys-camot have a Welshman, as in tem; indeed he and his kind HGWMV, saying: "There is white is her neck with her", any more than you could have Inspector Maigret shouring:

How Green Was My Valley (90p); Up, Into the Singing Mountain (75p); Down Where the Moon is Small (£1); Green, Green My Valley Now (75-1) " Follow that car yellow ! " There are distinctive Welsh speech patterns, and they are charming. People do say "There's lovely" and "Down byere" But, as Mr Llewellyn demonstrates, they are not easy to reproduce in print, especially in narrative, and when he gets them right he often makes them stilted. But Well, Duw, indeed to goodness, bok you, here ere four books, thick, down by here; and stuffed like a French force-fed he left Wales fong ago, as a boy; so that he stitches his tender boyhood memories to goose I am feeling, and full of amaze, from the reading of them too quick perhaps, now then: How Green Was My Valan imagined Wales, to cliches of singing miners and girls in national costume. ley—and the three book-sons it seeded—four big saga puddi-ings, all aborst with hokum

His canvas in the Green Valley volumes is large: four books chronicle the adventures, trials and loves of How Morgan in South Wales, in South America, and in Wales

The best of them is the first. HGWMV, published in 1939, is a soap opera with heaps of sentimental suds (and nothing wrong with that), an everyday story of mining folk, compassionate, detailed, sincere and absorbing, as a good saga should be. It expresses concern for an oppressed society and its culture, and expresses, too, ahead of its time, an anger at the scarring of the valleys, and fear of the shifting mountains of coal waste, that was to be justified, years later, at Aber-

The sequels, Up, Into The Singing Mountain (1960), and Down Where The Moon Is Small (1966), follow Huw Morgan's pioneering in the Welsh settlement of Patagonia; and

put back in the streams: a much changed physical lands-cape, and social one, too. He cape, and social one, too. He meets the new nationalism, striking miners, the IRA, and—oh, dear—girls dressed in national costume. The valley is not only greener, but, in the modern fashion, a faint shade bluer: the lyrical loving among the daffs on the mountainside in HCWMV is now augmented by the ping of brastraps, and a four-letter word that Mama and Dada would straps, and a four-letter word that Mama and Dada would not have liked. Leaving aside the matter of the uneasy prose, it is but a shadow of HGWMV. It does not have the benefit of tender childhood rememtender childhood remembrance, nor the same passion and sincerity; a bit of a newscurring job, really, that keeps a most popular por boiling. How the valley has changed, and how long Huw Morgan and Mr Llewellyn have been away.

Trevor Fishlock

Ambiguity and uncertainty

LAURENS VAN DER POST: from Penguin, The Hunter and The Whale (30p); Flamingo Feather (75p); The Seed and the Sower (70p).

"John Buchan with preten-sions" was the disdainful com-ment of a colleague on observing these books on my desk. I know just what he meaut. There is something in Laurens Van Der Post's writing which van Der Fost's writing which seems to compel popular news-paper reviewers to unload the repertoire of cliche. To have one's work hailed as a "rar-tling good yarn" may be very good for sales; but I doubt if it is good for the soul of a serious novelist serious novelist

It is true that Mr Van Der Post possesses Buchan's talent for retailing gripping tales of adventure, of barely-credible degrees of human endurance and courage in the face of overwhelming odds. Like Buchan, he also seems to stand for virtues like manliness, bravery, honesty which are nowadays considered to be out of fashion, if not downright absurd.

Both seem preoccupied with what one might call the metaphysical overtones of physical courage. They appear to share the belief that the successful confrontation of danger yields dividends in terms of insight into eternal verities—which are inaccessible to lesser, more cowardly, mortals. Early in The Hunter and The Whale, Van Der Post expresses this belief very clearly:

belief very clearly:
those of us who encounter life
beyond the fortifications of towns
and civilization, who still climb
mountains and experience their
fall of cliff and avalanche, who
till the land and endure the inconstancies of rain and harvest
or sail the seas to lunt for
whales, enter an uncircumscribed
area of existence where all our
brightest knowledge and deepest
experience often fall and what is
despised as foolish superstition
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stoff this, and rather what one might expect from a man who has done his share of honourable soldiering and exploring.
At worst, it can be the the particularly when it results in the novelist investing virtually change change every glance, chance encounter, sunser even, with some arcane significance. At best, it is merely a source of irritating distractions from the driving urgency of his narrative. Either way, it is an authentic voice from a colonial. past which was uniquely British, almost exclusively masculine and sustained by a system of values and mores which, in retrospect, seems surprisingly

perpetuated it. Yet I think my colleague, in comparing Van Der Post to Buchan, was unfair to Van Der Post. His characters—well, the males anyway-are three-dimensional, not cardboard figures as Buchan's were. The central characters of the novels Flan-ingo Feather and The Hunter and the Whale are beautifully drawn, rich in human ambi-guity and uncertainty, despite their overtly resolute appearance. This is particularly evident in the attitude to

Black Africa which emerges from both books—understand-ing and sympathetic after the fashion now decried as "white liberal", yet no less admirable The civilized instincts of Mr

Van Der Post's heroes are the product of an inner self-confidence which is often indistinguishable from sheer cussedness. The Seed and the Sower, for example, a collection of stories about life in a Japanese POW camp, is full of confrontations between such men and their fanatical captors: immovable objects versus irresistible forces. These stories are well constructed but, to me, are well constructed but, to me, strangely unconvincing—partly because they bring back memories of Alec Guinness in his River Kwai role and partly because the author, invests them with a portentous significant cance not much to my taste.

Of the novels, I prefer Fla-mingo Feather—a marvellous story about how a rich white South African single-handedly ratagonia; and Africa. The hero has no doubts about the rectitude of his mission, which he sees as preventing and nostalgic Huw who returns to Wales in Green, Green My Valley Now (1975), end finds the scars being patched, the coal tips being flattened, and trout put back in the streams: a much changed physical language. the book is given a certain coherence by the hero's concern that people whom he loves and respects should not be dehumanized into pawns in anyone's power struggle.

This concern is also evident in The Hunter and the Whale, though to a lesser degree. And it is set against the very different background of professional whaling off the South African coast. The book is, in a way, a kind of latter-day Moby Dick—a story of a wha-ler captain and his maniacal craving to kill a giant sperm whale. He succeeds, of course, but loses his own life in the process—an eventuality which is right in line with Van Der Post's old-fashioned sense of the fitness of things. After all, the important thing under the code was not so much winning, as playing the game. In those circumstances, one all was the

only honourable result.



Son and Lovers. The essential William as portrayed by Thomas Henry who was born at Eastwood, Notts., just across the street from D. H. Lawrence.

William martyr

RICHMAL CROMPTON: Just William; William's Crowded Hours; William's Happy Days; William the Bold; William the Bold; William the Detective. (Collins/Armada, 45p each).

margins of "children's literature" and, fittingly, has his back to the whole business as well. Even in the days of his transcendant popularity the establishment looked on him with about as much favour as Robert or Ethel when he obtruded upon their amours, or as Mrs De Vere Carter when he turned up, under duress, at the Band of Hope meeting. The emergent powers of children's librarianship regarded his chronicles as "low-brow" and "not particularly edifying production"; Fulham Public, Library would hanks not reserve William books free; and one of the only his-torians of the period—Marcus Crouch in Treasure Seekers and Borrowers-relegates him to a brief, mindexed para-

graph.
Naturally, it is typical of these grown-ups that they "jus' don' unperstand " (probably because "they've used un all their brains over Latin an' hist'ry an' suchlike when they were at school"). The triple equation which Frank Evre makes: Richmal Crompton =
Enid Blyton = Capt W. E.
Johns, is based only upon the
mathematics of sales figures
and takes no account of the variable talents which these authors brought to their work: and while the likeness may be further defended on the grounds that each writer dealt in stereotyped characters and repetitive story-patterns, beyond that point the William stories shift into a category of their own. At their most typi-cal ("The Best Laid Plans" in Just William, say, or "Wil-Just William, say, or "William the Conspirator" in Wilham-the Detective) they show Miss Crompton's gift for naive farce in sharp contrast to the thoughtless cliches of the true "low-brow" author. On such

child's part against over-ear-nest, reforming adults; on the other hand "William and the Nasties" remains as a chal-lenge to those who believe that cution of the Jews are still in a very special category of bad Thomas Henry's indis-

ted, the later ones erratically printed.

misunderstood martyr to the dogmas of an alieu tribe.

Guru for a generation

The Doors of Perception and Heaven and Hell, by Aldous Huxley (Panther, 60p)

It seems a long time since the "acid revolution" was part of the cultural scene. Now and then a "golden oldie" jerks the memory—Procul Harum's Whiter Shade of Pale or per-haps the Beatles Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds (remember how we told our friends about the significance of the initials) —and here and there a few aging hippies still defiantly survive among tinkling bells and incense in crazy technicolour rooms. But those huge promises of consciousness ex-pansion, of the subversion of capitalism (just a few tabs in the water supply) have simply disappeared from view, swamped by less pretentious, less explicitly ideological, cultural fashions.

Aldous Huxley, was, of course, right in there at the beginning of it all. This account of his mescaline experience was to become an essential part of the "trippers" cultural baggage —an imprimator for drug use from an intellectual turned antiintellectual, a writer of fiction turned prophet. Some detected (and deplored) its potential influence at the time of publication. Thomas Mann, for example, denounced the account as "completely irresponsible", it could only "contribute to the stupefaction of the world and its inability to meet the deadly serious questions of the time

with intelligence ". But how sober, austere, and almost clinical this report now ices, one-all was the urable result.

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John Naughton occasions to equate Richmal Crompton with Enid Blyton is like lumping together P. G. Wodehouse and Barbara Cart-

land.

The recent arrival of William on television has naturally prompted a new assessment of this 11-year-old from the 1920s and Collins/Armada's reissue of six books in paperback dating from 1922 to 1958 will enable nostalgic adults and their offspring (or adults and their offspring (or even their great-offspring) to check the validity of the case for William Brown—even though he be causing mayhem in the vicarage shrubbery while the examination is under

way.
Working with Richmal Crompton's niece, the publishers have edited the stories lightly for the 1970s and abridged most of the books by dropping individual stories entire. The textual changes, so far as I have checked, go little beyond altering words like "picture play." to "film." or tactfully noting that a shilling would get you sixpennorth of Gooseberry Eyes and a seat at the Picture Palace "at the cur-rent cost of living", and, as rent cost of living, and, as such, they do little harm to their originals. It is not quite so easy to excuse some of the other decisions ("William and the Band of Hope,", for instance, has gone—even though it showed Miss Crompton at her satirical best, taking the child's part against oversent. pensable illustrations been rather haph rather haphazardly retained—the earlier ones, with some justification, onlit-

As for William himself though, he survives his revival honourably as anyone could and soot in their hair. While it is true that a certain amount of malice, and a little weariness, have crept into the later books, the archetypal figure stands firm—not the destructive hooligan that sometimes been painted, but the ever well-meaning, ever-

Brian Alderson

from Leary's apocalyptic ser-mons. Few people ever took hallucinogens with such sciennallocinogens with such scientific precision, such rational intentions as Huxley: "Thus it came about that, one bright May morning, I swallowed fourtenths of a gramme of mescaline dissolved in half a glass of water and sat down to wait for

the results ".

And although there's a bit of chatter about "Not-Self and Otherness", for much of the time Huxley is simply chronicling his reactions to a variety of stimuli—music, flowers, land scapes, paintings—presented for inspection by a helpful guide. Introspection is utterly rejected, the only point of taking the substance is to reinstate the significance of nature by the significance of nature by, exploding those perceptual caregories which routinely renderit orderly, differentiated, and
sober. Nobody is urged to take
the substance. Huxley merely
suggests that it might be better
for us than alcohol or nicotine,
that it might occasionally be used as a reminder of a non-verbal world, as an escape from the intolerable burden of selfconsciousness.

However, the careful rationalism of Huxley's description and proposal is unlikely ever to secure the removal of this book from the shelves devoted to the hippie revolution. The movement needed a guru—and Hux-ley was standing there with a glass of water and half a gramme of mescaline; quite enough to secure the job. Actually, he had one other unknown qualification. His biographer, Sybille Bedford, tells us that the section of this book

devoted to a description of his gray flanuel trousers was mis-leading. Huxley only introduced those flanuel trousers because he was ashamed of what he'd ectually been wearing a pair of faded blue jeans.

Laurie Taylor

Salt: of the

Cooperative Working Women. Edited by Margaret Llewelyn Davies, new introduction by Anna Davin (Virago, £1.25).

It was Leonard Woolf not his wile who once described Margaret Liewelyn Daries (their friend and Founder of the Women's Cooperative Guild) as "one of those bores who are the salt of the earth" but Virthe sait of the earth" but virginia undoubtedly shared his ambivalent regard for this worthy woman. When, in 1930, Margaret Liewelyn Davies asked her for a preface to this collection of Guild members' reminiscences she received the reminiscences, she received the lofty rejoinder that a book of any worth could stand without a buttress.

Virginia Woolf was reatly using a literary objection to conceal (as she virtually admits in the preface she finally work), the deep discompose that working glass fort that working class women—or middle class women who fought on their behalf-stirred in her. Her behalf—stirred in her. Her feminist sympathy was genuine but intellectual. The practical needs of Guild women were dictated by a life of penury and child-rearing so foreign to her she was unable to feel any imaginative identification with them and shame (I think) that she could not, made her retreat from public involvement although she did in fact preside over Guild meetings in her Richmond home between 1916 and 1920: a duty she gave up "thankfully".

That she finally succumbed to the blandishments of her friend says something for the personality of Margarer Llewelvn Davies. But it says more for the collective power of these testimonies. For the kind of lives Virginia Woolf felt so alien were simply and unaffec-tedly opened to her on the

She entered the experience of Mrs Burrows, who, at the age of eight, was the oldest in a gang of children out to work 14 hours a day in the fenland fields followed "by an old man carrying a long whip in his hand which he did not forget to use." Here she met Mrs Layton whose girthnod in Rethnal whose girlhood in Bethnal Green was filled with such a yearning for the countryside that one day she slipped out with her baby brother in her arms walking all the way to Epping Forest and when later, she saw the real countryside, the delight of her life was "to watch the larks rise up out of the cornfield singing as if their throats would burst." Mrs

Smyth, a miner's wife, yearned for a copper in which to wash her husband's clothes each night instead of boiling them over the living room fire. No wonder so scalded to death in Wales? she wrote.

Virginia Woolf had already encountered the formidable purple presence of Miss Harriet Kidd, secretary to the Guild. In these pages she learned that Harriet was origilearned that Harriet was originally a factory girl and when, at 40, the golden chance of a clerical post with the Guild was offered she felt compelled to write that her one-time employer "a gentleman of good position and high standing in the town seat me to his home. home . . . ostensibly to take a parcel of books, but really with a very different object . . before he would allow me to leave he forced me to yield to him. At 18 I was a mother ".

Yet these are strangely uncomplaining women. Hunger, sickness and frightful working conditions are recalled with more vigour than bitterness. For many of them it is plain the Guild was the source of their endurance. "Eh, the dear old Guild", sighed Miss Kidd on her death bed, "it has been a good friend to me".

I congratulate the Virago Press on republishing this book. It has all the inspirational quality Virginia Woolf found in it nearly 40 years ago.

Jacky Gillott

In brief

sources there is F. Scott Fitz-gerald's The Last Tycoon (Pengerald's The Last Tycoon (Penguin, 60p) now, it says hope-fully "a major film". This was Fizzgerald's last, unfinished novel, in some eyes his best, in mine almost his worst—demonstrating how much refining and rewriting his books must have needed to produce, say The Great Gaisby. Ernest Hemingway, his old friend and sparring partner, is also the subject of much reminiscence. For his of much reminiscence. For his best work one should turn to his early years: For Whom the Bell Tolls (Panther, 90p) was inspired by his experiences in the Spanish Civil War, and A Farewell to Arms (Panther, 75p) from his time with the ambulance service in the 1914-18 War. Ragtime, by E. L. Doctorow (Pan 75p) is a puzzle. A historical novel set in New York in the early years in New York in the early years of the century, it brings in a family referred to only as Father, Mother, Mother's Younger Brother, The Little Boy and so on, which put my teeth on edge: added to that, Harry K. Thaw, Evelyn Nesbit, Houdini, Kanna Goldman, the Socialist, in a style which favours four word sentences and you have a best selling and you have a best selling novel which you love or hare.

The rascal abroad

The Golden Ass, by Lucius Apuleius, translated by Robert Graves (Penguin Classics, 80p)

Over the past generation this Over the past generation this golden romance of the second century AD has become more of a classic in Graves's colloquial and stylish English man it ever was in its original stifish, not golden but silver Latin. The original, parodying the extravagant language of the extravagant language of fairground story-tellers introducing their contemporary versions of "The Good Old Days", was always popular with malevolent setters of scholarship unseens and

craft, suffering grotesque and farcical adventures, and eventually finding his humanity and salvation in the White Goddess, whose service is perfect freedom, was perfectly suited to Robert Graves's talents and obsessions. In his translation this, one of the first novels, reads as free and eachly as if it was written wes easily as if it was written yesterday. It is the first episodic picaresque novel of the rascal abroad, a clear forerunner of Rabelais and Sterne. Returning from a digression on his hobby-horse Sterne could eas-ily have written: "It seems

almost impossible that I have

got here so essily, not on horseback but towed along by my ears". He probably did. The scene at the mill comes straight out of one of the bawdy Canterbusy Tales. The enough priests of the Great Goddess are dead ringers for their modern descendants.

Goddess are dead ringers for their modern descendants, chanting "Here Krishna" down Oxford Street.

The long interpolated romance of Cupid and Psycac is a delightful and witty whimsy about the Cods tout could have been written by Sylvie Krin herself.

The general theme of the novel, so far us it boasts such pretentious cargo, is religious and elitist, not to say snobbis... Only the upper classes can be saved. Baseness: and social deprivation are unfucky. End luck is catching. So do not meddle with the supernatural, with malevolent setters of meddle with the supernatural, adolescents, who were entertained and excited by the sexy, spiritual needs by being inibits. But it was recondite and odd, even in Bohn's crib.

The story of Lucius, translated into a donkey by witcheraft, suffering grotesque and of the supernatural and exemption.

grounds.

The superstition, folly and avarice satirized are entirely modern, even though the characters and scenes are ancient Greek. Most translations, even by such creative translators as Graves, are second best to their originals. This is one of the very few classics (reprinted now for the tenth time) that has been intenth time) that has been improved by translation. It has enrolled Lucius the donkey in the huppy procession laughter-makers for all ages.

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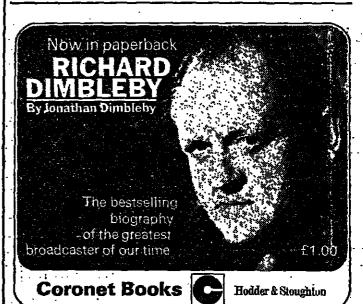
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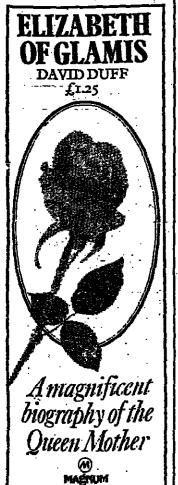


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If you can never have too. But, and this is quite a big much of a good thing, then the but, an examination of the present situation as regards the games reveals that Karpov's playing and holding of great triumphs, striking though they are numerically are much in

chess events must gratify all lovers of chess. There does indeed exist a sort of welcome embarrassment for us chess journalists in that it has become impossible to deal with the multiplicity of tournaments and matches to any adequate de-gree. The day would require more than 24 hours and the week more than seven days to relate the doings at the Candidates matches, the progress of the various great tournaments that we have had and are havquite early on in the game, ing this year, and the possibi-lines of such outstanding events as the European Team

Candidates.
One great tournament finished a week ago at Bad Lauterbers, near Hanover in West Germany, and I am writing these lines in Geneva, where an equally strong tournament is in progress for the first time in this beautiful city at the Hotel Mediterannée some 200 metres from the shores of Lake

The adjourned games from the second round have just finished. In the one, the Dutch grandmaster Timman has lost to the Israeli (formerly Soviet) international master, Dzindzichashvili, and in the other the Swedish grandwaster. Uff Andersson, has besten the Filipino, Eugenio Torre, the first Asian player to obtain the grandmaster title. For the record, let me state here that Dzindzichashvili is exactly how he himself writes his name, which is Georgian and has been

record so far in the tournament inferior. has been one loss (to Pachman) and one win, today. He has already won a game more than he did at Bad Lauterberg where his score of 7 points was made up of 14 draws and 1 loss out of 15 games. Somehow or other he has got his priorities mixed to develop. since in the German tournament 10 R-B1 E-K12 11 Kt-QK15 P-R5 non-prizewinners were paid in accordance with the games they 12 KtxP, R-R2 leaves the Kt won, whereas here there are prizes for everyone, and gener-ous ones, ranging from \$3,000 piece is lost. for the first prize to \$300 for the fourteenth and last player. Quite a number of players

in the Geneva tournament were also playing in the Bad Lauter-berg tournament. This was won by Karpov with the fine score of 12 points, followed by Tim-man 10, Furman 9, Sosonko 81, pressure on the white squares; if now 17 ..., PxP; 18 RxP, R-Q1; 19 Q-B1, followed by Q-B6 with a positionally won Olafsson, Liberson, Csom and Hubner 8 (apparently so graded in accordance with the Sonne-born-Berger System by the organizers), Gligoric and Miles 7!. Keene and Andersson 7, Torre 6!. Hermann 5, Gerusel 43 and Wockenfuss 3!. game.

Oddly enough Andersson's

The last three are German players and represent the weak point in the tournament, even though Wockenfuss is the present West German champion, a result which be achieved in the absence of all the leading Champion.

German players. Still, the remaining 13 players were all
grandmasters and the presence of the world champion Karpov

A wise precaution; he not want to allow Black
arrolar by 24 R-P R-R2 made the event especially terplay by 24 RxP, R-B2.

significant. constant and consistent way in which Karpov has fulfilled his role as the world's leading player. Here he did all that was required of a world cham-pion and the distance between him and the other competitors reminds one very much of the performances of Alekhine in the palmy days of San Remo and Bled.

Race of champions are numerically, are much in-ferior in quality to Alekhine's. All too often he gets himself into a bad position from which he extricates himself with, it is true, quite an amazing resource fulness. The results are there but there remains the suspicion that had he been opposed by Fischer he would not have been allowed to survive from some of the desperate situations into which he seems to get

*Chess

Six of the Lauterberg con-testants are playing in Geneva—Timman, Sosouka. Olafsson, Liberson, Andersson and Toire. At one time both tournament finals in Moscow and, of course, the eventual semi-final matches in the Korcinoi and Spassky were expected as participators; but die duration of their matches has overlapped this tourna-

Another player who would of course, have graced the of course, have graced the tournament was the world champion himself; but it was realized that no Soviet player would have dared to play, or been allowed to play, in an event which included the emigre Korchnol.

I may have been noo severe in my appreciation of Karpov's style of play. One should take style of play. One should take into account the great virtue of his effective nurturing of a small edvantage into a great one with a relentless and everincreasing pressure that eventually destroys all opposition. A good example is the following game from Bad Lauterberg.

White Karpov Black Wocken-fuss Q.P. Nimsowitsch Defence. 1 P-084 Kt-KB5 4 B-Kt5 B-Kt5 cb 2 Kt-KB5 P-K5 5 Kt-B5 3 P-04 P-Q1 spelt many different ways since he first came on the chess

A variant of the Nimzowitsch Defence has arisen in which Black's position is by no means 5 P-KR5 8 8-KC PEP 6 Exkt Qx8 9 0-0 P-Qkg 7 P-K5 0-0

After 9 ..., BxKt; 10 PxE, P-QKt4; 11 P-QR4, P-B3; 12 Kt-K5, B-Kt2; 13 P-B4, Black's game is difficult to defend or

with no return route, eg 13 RxP, B-Q3; 14 P-Q5, R-B1 and the 13 Pakt 14 RxP B-B3

Better is 14, B-R3; 15 R-Kt3, B-SB; 16 QxB, Kr-B3; 17 R-B3, P-K4 and Black has equalised. 15 R-Kt1 Kt-02 16 R-B4 BYKt White has obtained strong

17 ... P-B.1 20 PzBP KtxP 13 Q-Kt3 R-C4 21 Q-B2 19 R-Q1 P-K4 It is interesting to observe how now and later all white's attack is carried out on the white squares. The constant pressure on the weak points is characteristic of the world

21 ... R1-K3 25 R-B6 R-Q1 22 P-QKt4 R-R2 24 P-R3 A wise precaution; he does

ignificant. 21 ... RxR ct. 27 B-Bg ch (42)
Again one must admire the 25 028 P-051 28 028P (42)
Again one must admire the 26 0-08 0-05 29 B-KH (42) Hoping for 30 QxR, KtxP ch winning the Queen; the move is, however, a mistake in what is, in any case, a lost position.

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Gardening

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can be caused when one until spouse, usually but not always the wife, becomes enthralled by flower arranging. The most ingenious flower arrangements, and those most likely to win in the shops. These you have to grow. So the temptation to gradually fill the garden with olants to provide "material" for arrangements is strong, and too often the garden suffers aesthetically.

But this need not necessarily happen. On the principle that if you can't best 'em, join 'em", the non-flower-arranging spouse could enter into the spirit of the game and jointly the spouses could plan a garden that is both lovely to look at and productive of material for the floral confections. One must, of course, add the proviso that a certain amount of restraint is needed with the cutting of trees and shrubs for Howers or feliage.

All gardens need some evergreen trees or shrubs. These may be chosen to furnish the gorden with green, gold or variegated foliage to cheer up the barren winter scene, to provide cut foliage throughout the year, or to act as a foil for the colourful summer flowers.

Many sarubs, such as l'iournum farreri, flowering curran.s, foesythias and heathers positively prosper by being carefully and sensibly used to provide cutting meterial. In effect this is a form of pruning waith encourages the production of generous quantities of flowering side shoots.

Some shrubs like forsythias, and trees like almond and ernamental cherries, are also valuable because branches may be cut in bud in January and brought indoors to open their flowers in the dark days when cur flowers are fiendishly

expensive in the shops. More flavoring shrubsthe garden and superb in a rotation. bowl or vase. Then many have organiental fruits or colourful autumn folizge—again, charming in the gardon or indoors. Where space is limited it pays to give considerable thought to the choice of these trees or shrubs that could give two, or somerimes three dividends.

Apart from the depths of when there is little enough to cull from the garden, I think the period larch to early June is one when flowers are expensive. and unless we have deliberately planted for this period there is not likely to be all that much to cut in the

daffodils and Obviously tulips, polyanthus, wallflowers, doronicums, white, green or not appeal to you, mayl rosy heliebores—varieties of chamming little rose will. Helleborus niger, H. corsicus or H orientalis, to be followed by sweet williams and Dutch irises will take us through to pyrethrums, roses and sweet Ltd., The peas will be coming along. Numerom After that the whole range of ONS 9PY.

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until Japanese anemones, accoultes, Nerine bowdenii, dahlias and michaelmas daisies bring autumn to a close.

Then if one has clumps snowdrops or crocuses in the garden it is a splendid idea to prizes at shows, usually consist dig some up when the flowers at least in part of the more unusual flowers, foliage or up and bring them indoors. fruits, or even back or seed heads which are seldom seen and planted singly, and in this way, after a few years, the stock of bulbs in the garden is greatly increased. One should, of course, lift and divide these small bulbs in spring after flowering it it is desired. to propagate them, but most of us have far too much to do in spring to bother about litting and dividing bulbs. The result is that we have numbers of congested clumps instead of much larger drifts of spring bulbons flowers.

Of course, where there is Of course, where there is room an area of ground may be set aside as a cutting garden. In the old days of large houses and large gardens, the cutting garden was situated right near the latter quarters where the latter of the house could also our and garden. could slip out and gather flowers as she needed them.

Today we tend to plant our cutting flowers in part of the vegetable patch. There/we may bare such permanent plants as paeonies, daffodils, hybrid Darwin tokips which will flourish for years if properly fed, pyrethrums, Scabiosa caucasica, and such everlasting flowers as statice and the Chinese lantern flowers Physalis franchetii. There could be some ornamental

Also in the vegetable patch we can have some cut flower planes that can be worked into the crop rotation programme of the vegerables. This can be very useful because in a garden of modest size it is not always easy to work a three year rotation with a limited number of vegetable crops. The idea of rotating crops is to ensure that the same crop is not grown on the same ground more often than once every three years. This is to reduce the incidence of pests and diseases on particular crops.

If curting flowers like gla-dioli, dublicas, outdoor chrysanthemums, sweet peas and such annuals as larkspurs, African lilacs, shrub roses, philadel merigods and chers are phus or mock orange, climbers worked into the rotational prolike clematis and honeysuckle, gramme, it makes it much and many more, are lovely in essier to achieve a sensible

> There hundred of plants to grow for the dual purpose of garden decoration and of flower arranging. Their choice and their placing in the beds or builders areads a mane more thought then if their effect in the garden is the only consideration, but it is an interest-

ing and rewarding exercise.

The charming cherry red miniature rose raised by Sam McGredy, very free flowering, and growing about a foot high, named Royal Salute, is being marketed this year by John Matrock Ltd. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal. So if other types of memorabi-lia to mark this occasion do not appeal to you, maybe this

It looks equally at home in the front of a rose bed, in a tub or other container on a irises will take us through to patio or terrace. Plants may be mid June. By then in the ordered for delivery soon or southern half of the country at in the autumn, price £1.25 each least, paeonies. irises dela plus 500 a marcel for the country of the summan price £1.25 each least, paeonies. least, paeonies, irises, del- plus 50p a parcel for postage phiniums, lupins, campanulas, and packing, from J. Mattock pyrethrums, roses and sweet Ltd., The Rose Nurseries, Courtenay, Oxford

Jobs for April

This year the programme for soil over both the dahlias and most of us is to catch up on the jobs we did not do in March because the ground was too wer. We have not even finished scarifying our bits of lawn with the motorized rake because they are so wet.

However, it is a job to be done as a priority, as is applying a moss killer and the first application of a spring fertilizer if not already done. The second application should be put on pieces application should be put on pieces application should be put on pieces and to flop about. Do tour weeks later.

If worms are troublesome, apply a worm killer; if you do not care to do this be sure to sweep off worm casts regularly so that they are not squashed

Apply a selective weedkiller if necessary at the end of the month.

Apply Herbon Garden Herbi-cide to clean ground to keep it clear of seedling weeds.

Sow hardy annuals outdoors. Sow in a greenhouse half hardy annuals.

Prick off seedlings sown ear-

the month, dahlia tubers. making sure there are 6in of

the gladioli. Finisa pruning the roses, and cutting down and tidying up the flowers. Apply a suitable ferti-Prune forsythias and winter out double with a most unflowering jasmine.

may tend to flop about. Do this in good time, before there is any danger of a storm knocking them down. Watch carefully for caterpillars and other pests-examine the underside of leaves of roses, currents and other plants you know may be affected by pests, and apply an appropriate spray. If blackspot and mildew on roses or other

discases have been troublesome in the past, spray with a suitable fungicide every 10 days. Sow peas, broad beans, let-Sow marrows, rupper beans and sweet corn in pots under

Roy Hay

Plant potatoes.

Plant gladioli and, at the end

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Travel

Caribbean charm in the Atlantic

My friend and colleague was About 70 per cent of the sitting by the bar with a yellow national income comes from it food.
bird—a drink not an animal or and the Government is at pains Dr person—in his hand. He was offering four one-acre lots on Green Turtle Cay in exchange for 10 acres of Current Club on Eluthera. American tourists were listening to him mesmerized. Of course, he had no lots
for sale, but the Bahamas gets
you like that, and by the end
of his sales pitch we were all
—including him—half, convanced that he did have them.

The difference in the size of plots was appropriate; the tiny area of Green Turtle Cay was most attractive with its duckboard houses and its friendly, rather say inhabitants. It is only when you visit these small settlements that you realize that in addition to the black majority in the population there are many whites whose ancest-ors may have come to the Bahamas as long ago as the first Elizabethan age, though most of them are loyalists who fled the United States more than 200 years ago at the time of the War of ladependence. Current, although it, too, has a small old settlement, is more sprawling and less characteris-tic of traditional Bahamas outislands life.

For most people the Bahamas is Nassau, but those who do not visit at least one of the many hundreds of our-islands of the archipelago are missing a great deal. Their holiday attractions are as abundant as the can be seen if you go snorkling on the reefs surrounding many of the islands.

Nassau offers smart hotels, nightclubs, a casino. The outislands, on the other hand; though, offering excellent hotel accommodation, tend to concentrute on golf and activities.

On this visit I did not do many of the things I could have done: I did not parasail (that's being towed behind a speed-boat fastened to a parachute), wind sail (with a sail poised on what looks like a surrboard), swim under water with an aqua lung, play golf, gamble in the casino, play tennis, go deep-sea fishing, water-ski.

The attractions of Bahamas are immense. all, the Bahamas is toorism. courses, not only in Nassau but also in the out-islands, where they are usually attached to an hotel "club". My golfing colleagues found the courses as excellent as I found the water activities.

Of the rich taste of some of them, but they are well worth trying, with their mixtures of truit juices—some, like grenadine, quite new to British palates—and several varieties or rum and other spirits.

But the prospective British tourist should note that accommodation and food in the Bahamas are completely geared to American tastes. Menu descriptions can disguise good wholesome food, and some combinations are rather unusual, not to say odd, "Surf and Turf", or "Hoof and Claw", stack accompanied by a huge piece of lobster. Other things will come "fresh from the sparkling waters", "honey-scented", "home baked" or whetever, they are all discovered.

Drinks, too, bave elaborate to improve and increase the names, but here they are justifacilities available. For golfers fied. You may eventually tire facilities available. For golfers fied. You may eventually tire there are many excellent of the rich taste of some of courses, not only in Nassau but them, but they are well worth

> For people thinking of a Caribbean holiday, I would strongly recommend the Bahamas as a first trip. It is not, of course, actually in the Caribbean but in the Atlantic, though the atmosphere is similar. The Bahamas climate is better than many places in the Caribbeanit is rather cooler and drier. The time to go is in the winter, when the days are clear and bright and there is little rain. It is always warm enough to swim. Those who find it diffi-cult to cope with hot weather may find the summer wearing. The days are hot and there is

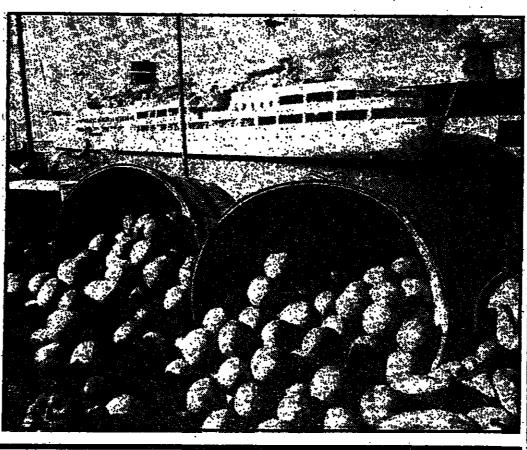
day.

If you react badly to insect bites, do not forget barrier cream and consider taking a mild anti-histamine pill. This belps to keep down the reaction though it may make you fee a little dozy. You may feel dozy anyway. The climate is most relaxing.

How to get there: British Airways London to Nassau-Apex return (must be booked and paid for two months before) for 14 to 45 days, £206.50 in the low season rising to £238.50 in the low season rising to £238.50 in the high. A 22-45 day excursion is £342 to £383.50; Ordinary economy return, £447 to £520. British

Airways Sovereign package tours start at £365 for 14 days in a private house or £495 at the Nassau Beach hotel in the low season, rising to £425 and £54 respectively at the neak of £54 respectively at the peak of the high season.

Margaret Allen



Bridge

Lost opportunities

suitable hand; he thought that easy to see the importance early take his winning \$3 with the lie was too strong for a natural in the game of discarding a \$40. South runs his clubs and in the game of discarding a \$40. South runs his clubs and in oil or gouache on wood in oil or gouache on wood. Whenever a player has bid without a wiek in his hand he is now riably blamed by his parmer after me desence has nuscarried. Che of my late partners whose instinct was better than his technique, used to say when he had raised me ou next-to-nothing and his hand went down, for all to see, "Don't forget that I was under pressure". That was how I learnt how to visualize the

kind of strength in the oppon-ents' hands by allowing for my partner to have nothing more than trump support.

There is no excuse for failing to use the information given by your partner even if he has raised with a yarborough or signalled without an honour in your suit. East had an opportunity to stow his brilliance after winning the first trick, but he could not picture the hidden hands hidden hands. North South game; dealer

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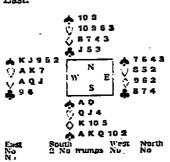
South had misdirected his

response of Turce No Trumos to the double and was not, in consequence, allowed to play the tand in Four No Trump's which was cold for 10 tricks.

West's opening lead of the \$\circ\$9 was superior to the lead of the \$\circ\$4 because it might have been important for East to know his partner's highest card in the suit. East won with the OO and, without stopping to reflect, tried to cash the OA. There was now no defence : South ruffed, led the &Q and discarded two losing hearts on dummy's clubs after he had driven out the A. If East had refused to win the AA, declarer would obtain a heart ruff in

Past could have deduced from the bidding that declarer must have a singleton diamond and he needed to weigh carefully the choice between the lead of a heart or a trump. If he concluded that West lad a near-yarborough, he would have returned a trump and refused to take his winning club. Declarer might then have been persuaded to play for a 3-3 division of the missing hearts after drawing trumps, and lose two tricks in the suit.

commonplace which is often overlooked depends on the discard of a high card in the suit which has been opened. It may seem elementary to throw away a winner when you with to avoid an end-play, but it is not always



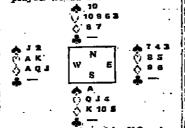
West has the chuice between

passive and aggressive leads. He has too many high cards for a waiting game because he can be confident that South has an established club suit which will give him an advantage over defenders who have yet to dis-cover how to unite. If West decides to keep his high cards in reserve, declarer will cash his tricks and be able to each lish two hearts after West has discarded the 77. By making the customary attacking lead of a small spade West is sucredering a trick but is actually meking the declarer's task as difficult as possible. All will then depend on whether an entry can be created in East's

Athe only information East can give is a signal with the highest spade he can afford—the \$6, but this is invaluable when declarer is seen to over-

serve his spades.

Being improvident West prob-ably throws his (7 followed by the 3J, and then reluctantly preserved at all costs was his 2 and, to ensure that East kept his \$743, he should have thrown his \$K at the first opportunity followed by the AJ or A9. The position after six tricks had been played would then be:



Declarer plays his VQ taken by West who leads his AJ, knowing from the first trick that South's A is bare. As soon as West is again on lead he puts his partner on play with the \$2, discards his \$1 on East's long spade and breaks the contract when a diamond

Edward Mayer:

Collecting

Pious paintings

Roman-Catholic convent school, ichischen Museums für Volksmy Protestant upbringing had kunde, Vienna not prepared me, when I was 16, for the glories of the back to classical times, when churches in Paris, the sugary warriors placed their swords or domed Sacre-Coem, with its shields in remples after a suc-banks of candles and clouds of cessful battle, aculeres their banks of candles and chouds of incense, the extravagant sculpture of the Madeleina and the heavy pomposity of St Sulpice and St Augustin. A few years later, I was taken by some often renowned artists were commissioned to artists were commissioned to artists a representation. friends to a small mountain chapel in the Var. It was less spectacular at first sight, but then I saw in the gloom that it was panelled from ceiling to floor with votive paintings and offerings, each with their story of hope or despair. As an impassioned reader of inscriptions on tombs and memorial plaques, I found these "proofs of the piety and gratefulness of the faithful" as the nineteenth-

century Grande Encyclopaedie

puts it, both fascinating and

touching Ex-votos were placed Ex-votos were placed in Catholic churches or chapels in thanksgiving to Christ, the Virgin Mary or a saint for having maraculously saved someone from a desperate situation, an accident, mortal filmess, madness, importsonment, war, or a natural catastrophy. Others were in supplication for Others were in supplication for a child, a peaceful death, a happy married life, or for the safe return of a relative from war. All over France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Corsica, Austria Courter, Spain, Portugal, Corsica, Austria Courter, Spain, Spain, Portugal, Corsica, Austria Courter, Spain, Spain, Portugal, Corsica, Austria Courter, Spain, Spain, Portugal, Courter, Spain, Spain, Spain, Courter, Spain, Spain, Spain, Courter, Spain, Spain, Spain, Courter, Spain, Spa spain, Fortugal, Corsica, Austria, South Germany, Switzer-land, and Yugoslavia and (through the influence of insnigrants and missionaries) Mexico and the South American countries, one can find votive paintings hung amongst figurines in terracotts, wax or stone, discarded crutches or canes, model boats offered by sailors saved from shipwrecks, or wooden and metal eyes, arms, legs or breasts cured by heavenly intervention.

The offering of a votive object was part of the bargain between God and the believer, an insurance that prayers would be heard, or an outward mark of gratitude that grace had been shown. The custom reassured the community of its social and spiritual wellbeing, while ex-votos attracted pilgrims to the shrine or chapel, as they were a sign of the virtue of the saint in

With the modernization of many places of worship, a good many ex-votos were sold or just given away, ending up inevitably in dealers' shops, street markets, and auctions. They

Votive paintings are usually in oil or gouache on wood, iney are on faience, caimas of under glass. The saint to whom the invocation was addressed parts with a spade which is and who came to the last-likely to be the \$2. Declarer minute rescue appears as a waits for the lead up to his &K vision. Sometimes the donor is parts with a spade which is and who came to the last voto recently, but was dislikely to be the \$2. Declarer minute rescue appears as a spointed to find that it was shown praying, touched by rays cannot avoid the end-play be from the saint above, or with cause he did not take sufficient. Sometimes the donor is only a picture of a man being struck by a paying stone during the student barricades of May cause he did not take sufficient. cause he did not take sufficient | flames appearing from his heart, note of the first trick or help | From 1600 onwards, the words his partner by his discards. The ex-voto appear, or the initials card which West should have E.V.S. (ex-voto suscepto), P.G.R. E.V.S. (ex-voto suscepto), P.G.R. (per grazia ricevuta), V.F.G.A. (votum jecit gratium acceptit), V.Q.F. (voto que fez) or G.R. (gracia rebuda) depending of course on the country of origin. Many are dated, with the name of the donor, and some have long inscriptions explaining the circumstances in which the vow was made. They have all the vividuess of a clearly recalled and often recounted dramatic experience, and through their pictorial primitiveness, they convey the essence of the situation.

Ex-votos, an essentialy folk art, were taken seriously when naive and primitive painters came into fashion in the late 1950s and 60s. Exhibitions were held to which not only churches but museums lent their collections, notably the Musée des Arts et Traditions Populaires, Paris, the Nationalmuseum, Nuremberg National

the Bayerisches National-museum, Munich, the Kuns-thalle Bern, the Schzeizerische Catholic Museum für Volks-

often rain in the middle of the | Despite three years spent in a kinde, Easle, and the Osterre

The offering of ex-votos goes warriors placed their swords or commissioned to paint a repre-sentation of an accident or the saving of a city from the plague. Except for the subject matter, they differentiated very little from the usual religious picture. By the seventeenth-century

the commissions were being carried out by craftsmen who were normally employed to paint rustic furniture, inn or shop signs and fairtround booths. From the late eighteenth-century onwards, the pic-tures were painted by simple local artists and if there was a marked decline in technical quality, the painting increased in fervour and emotion. The artist was unconcerned with public appreciation and painted with the simplicity of a child. without perspective or cor-poral structure. He relied on his imagination and improvised without reference to a pictorial tradition, although one does find that there is a certain commute, particularly in cases of mortal illness, where the sick person lies comatose in bed, while his family kneel praying or throw up their arms in despair.

The following examples are

a few of the terrible or tragicomic things which are shown in ex-voto paintings; a man struck by sudden illness while playing a serenade on a manda-lin; a forester failing off a branch on to his axe; attacks by bandits, pirates, bears, em-raged bulls and dogs with rabies; a snooker player being hit with a cue during an argument; a man cleaning a well being hit on the head by a falling bucket; a baby acci-dently dropped in to a basin of boiling water; an Alpine regi-ment lost in a snow-storm; people falling off ladders or being kicked by horses; the sole survivor of a group of soldiers in the trenches in the First World War; a man falling from a skyscraper. One of my favourite paintings is a seventeenth century ex-voto of a of kneeling cows, who have broad smiles on their faces; having miraculously avoided death in a bovine epidemic.

In Mexico and the South American countries, this naive Leirigus committing pression and ex-votos are still made. In Europe, on the other hand, it is difficult to be a true primipaintings tend to be somewhat self-conscious. I thought that I had discovered a modern ex-168 . . . perhaps it had been painted to commemorate the fact that he had been compensated from his jujury. After all, most of us now tend to rely on insurance companies rather than the saints, to come to our

rescue in times of disaster. There is as yet no established collectors' market in ex-votos and there are no specialized dealers to turn to, though they are occasionally included in sales or exhibitions of naive paintings. Naturally enough, they are most often to be found they are most often to be found for sale in Catholic countries, particularly Spain, Portugal or Austria. When a church or chapel is refurbished, they are likely to find their way into the hands of small local antique dealers. Prices vary according to date, subject and quality, but tend at present to run in but tend at present to run in the £50 to £200 range. In Naples you can still have one painted to your own specifica-tions for £40.

Lynne Thornton The author is a Paris auction expert on nineteenth-century

Food

Let them eat bread and cake

buttered. They are more inout the crumb tearing, try to cool. bake them the day before. In fact teabreads keep very well tuces, radishes, onions, beet if if you wrap them in foil or root carrots, in the open. enclose in a tin once they are quite cold. When baked, test your bread in the same way as a cake, that is by slipping a skewer between the loaf and the tin for a moment to warm it and then push right into the centre. When drawn out there

> uncooked mixture. An overnight soaking in cold tea means that the fruit in this recipe is plump and juicy; the result is a deliciously moist

should be no sign of any wet,

Makes 1 large loof 10oz mixed dried fruit; oz soft brown sugar; pint cold tea;

egg; 10oz self raising flour. soft brown sugar into a mixing basin. Pour over the cold tea

Tenbreads are served sliced and and mix thoroughly together. Pour the mixture into a well buttered large 2!b loaf tin and teresting than plain bread, but buttered large 2lb loaf tin and bake in the centre of a modenot so rich as cake which makes bake in the centre of a rate oven (350 deg F or gas 4) them very good for children's moderate oven (350 deg F or for 11 hours. Loosen sides, turn teas. So that they will slice gas 4) for 12 hours. Loosen the out and allow to cool. nicely and can be buttered with- sides, turn our and allow to

> Slices of date bread make very nice sandwiches with cream cheese Makes 1 large loaf 12 oz plain flour 3 level teaspoons

Date bread

level teaspoon salt : 1 level teaspoon bicarbonate of 3 oz soft brown sugar;

4 oz chopped dates; 2 oz chopped walnuts: oz buner: rounded tablespoon black treacle;

pint milk.

Sift the flour, baking powder, salt and bicarbonate of soda into a mixing basin. Add the sugar, chopped dates and walbutter, treacle and milk into a saucepan and warm gently to melt the butter. Stir to blend the treacle and milk. Pour into and leave to stand overnight, the dry ingredients and mix Next day, stir up the ingredience everything together very ents, add the egg and the flour thoroughly.

Makes 1 lurge louf 8 oz self raising flour; level reasporu sait; 4 oz butter; 6 oz castor sugar ; 4 oz sultanas : 1 oz chopped waluuts; 4 oz red gizcé chervies : medium sized ripe bananas;

2 eggs.

Sift the flour and salt into a mixing basin. Add the butter cut in pieces and rub into the mixture. Add the sugar, sultunus, chopped walnuts and the glacé cherries which have been riused under warm water to remove the outer sugary coating, then patted dry and cut in add to the dry ingredients along with the eggs. Mix very thoroughly together.

Spoon the mixture into a well buttered large 21b loaf tin and bake in the centre of a moderate oven (350 deg F or gas 4) for 1! hours, Loosen sides, turn out and allow to cool.

You can buy malt extract from a chemist—make sure you get male extract and not the male

Makes 1 large louf 12oz self raising flour; level teaspoon salt; oz castor sugar; oz sultracs: 2 rounded tablespoons malt 1 rounded tablespoon black

Sift the flour and salt into a mixing basin. Add the sugar and sultanas. Measure the mait extract, treacle and milk into a saucepan and warm over low hear stirring to bland them together. Pour into the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly.

pint milk

Pour the mixture into a well buttered 2lb loaf tin and bake in the centre of a moderate half. Peel the bananas, mash 11 hours. Lorsen sides and to a puree with a fork and then turn out. While the lorf is warm from the oven, brush with a hor glaze made by boiling together for one minute, one tablespoon each of castor sugar, milk and water-this gives the malt bread a shiny top. Allow to cool.

Katie Stewart



be capable of unlocking the reserves of the human mind and harnessing the potential of super-memory, has recently taken place in Bulgaria. A planned world conference, however, has been unexpectedly postponed until next autumn.

No reason has been given by the Bulgarian hosts This little-known branch of p. rapsychology concerns itself with ways of putting to practi-cal work the "locked" and unused 90 per cent of the human brain. Its prospects are tantaliz-

Suggestology, the psychology of suggestion, has very wide application and it has achieved —according to Bulgarian scientists—striking results in the fields of education, psychiatry, neurology and telepathy. It has nothing to do with hypnosis

or sleep-teaching.
Dr Georgy Lozanov, its founding father, described his new discipline in an interview with the Solia evening paper. Vecherny Noviny, when the Bul-garian authorities first allowed a glimpse at his work: "With suggestology you are always in the waking state and aware of everything around you."

Dr Lozanov, a physician and psychotherapist with impressive achievements in the field of parapsychology, so impressed the Bulgarian authorities that in 1969 the Institute of Suggestology and Parapsychology was created to further his work. It has a staff of 70 scientists, among them psychologists, physiologists, physicists and

engineers.
In the field of education, a rapid-learning method based on suggestology, which Dr Lozanov calls "suggestopaedics", bas reportedly enabled students to complete a two-year foreign language course in 30 days.

Last October's conference heard reports of promising results obtained from the experimental teaching of mathematics with the Lozanov technique in the first form of primary schools.

Papers read at a seminar at the Bulgarian town of Haskovo last February asserted that the Lozanov technique, combining the most advanced scientific methods with old-style yoga " in a mind-to-mind contact between teacher and student", has enabled the students to learn up to 50 times faster without

any effort.

stant method itself is in con-are integrated, but in the past few years the yoga techniques have been played down. Its results. And array/2 the Canadian Government purchased the ghts to the Lozznov system within the framework of a cul-tural exchange agreement; Moscow's Foreign Languages Institute has introduced experi-mental teachings courses based Department of California University is using without fan-fares, the Lozanov technique.

Unesco first took notice of the Lozanov method about 10 years ago, and last spring Dr Lozanov was invited to Paris for a two-day demonstration at Unesco's educational method centre.

Since there are so many educational "wonder techniques" which eventually fizzle away, I side of his mind-bending work. asked Mr John E. Fobes, Unesco's deputy director-

One experiment ou our staff involved the use of his technique for learning Italian (he has taught himself many lan-

But he added that Dr Lozanov was "an impressive and serious scientist whose work deserves attention. There may be danger, however, that his hypotheses, findings and techniques attract associations with less careful investigations or those which tend towards dramatic or care less commercial applications."

Virtually nothing has been published in the western press about Dr Lozanov's rapid-learning technique. The courses last 30 days, four bours a day, with one break. There are up to 12

Against a background of soft lighting and soothing Baroque music—mainly Bach's "Goldberg Variations"—the students relax in reclining chairs in the class. Each session consists of three parts: a revision of previous material, presentation of new material and a "passive" and an "active" memory reinforce

During the active part, the students must relax and "not think of anything". Each phrase or word is read by the teacher at certain intervals in three different tones and at three dif-ferent voice levels, and the students repeat the words and phrases to themselves sub-vocally. During the passive session, the students relax, listening to Bach, while the teacher.

reads the material once again.
The next day the students, both young and old and of vary-ing capabilities, find that they remember perfectly the 200 new words learned during the previous sessiou. . ·

Suggestology has an even nore significant application in the field of parapsychology, particularly telepathy, precognition and extra-sensory perception (ESP). As Dr Lozanov himself has hinted, "telepathy is an inexpensive and promising communication system for space and underwater exploration. In the 1960s he is known to have used alpha waves, which he says, predominate the brain during suggestology, to receive coded telepathic messages. In a series of demonstrations, under strict scientific controls, he was reported to have had a 70 per cent success rate in telepathic transmissions with a Mobble man any 80 Der cent Mith It is known, however, that

he is working very closely with a Mrs. Vanga Dimitrava Although clairvoyancy does not accord with the orthodox materialism of Bulgaria's communist regime, the Government has provided funds for the setting up and staffing of a community embarrassed by the community embarrassed and cultures nave setting up and staffing of a laboratory in the town of Petrich, which conceutrates solely on Mrs Dimitrova's telepathic talents.

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Dr Lozánov, too, has had a hand in the allegedly un-cannily accurate "oracles" of Mrs Dimitrova, but apart from a single public statement admitting that "telepathy and clairvoyance can be cultivated by suggestology", he has re-fused to speak in public about this potentially more dangerous

George Hutchinson

Why Mrs Thatcher is the real victor of Stechford

The first national conference of general, to assess the Paris The Tory triumph at Stechford suggestology, an amazing and experiment with suggestopaeby small of malacidate the dics. puts many Conservatives to shame—all too many, not least a number of MPs, some of them

former ministers. I am speaking of those who have been so quick to criticize guages). The result was not Mrs Thatcher in an outbreak of personal denigration and disparagement since the loss of the Opposition motion of no confidence in the Government 10 days ago. They have been accusing her not only of making a poor speech in the Commons debate (which is true) but of misjudging the issue and also of wider ineptitude.

The by-election victory must be considered a further vindicastion of Mrs Thatcher's leader-ship, a fresh proof of public approval. And of course it is much more: a repudiation of the Government, a call for change, a rebuff to the Liberals and their accommodation with Labour. Within the Conserva-tive Party it is above all a reproof and a reproach to the fainthearts (and worse) who have again been displaying such a lack of confidence by their conduct during the past week. To listen to some of them you might have imagined that the Callaghan-Steel alliance was guaranteed to keep Labour in office for ever and a day. It could do so only if the Tory wobblers, the waverers and chameleons (whose instincts are inexpressibly feeble) were to deny Mrs Thatcher due support and if people of liberal disposition were overwhelmingly in favour of the compact—which they are not.

What would these critics have said if she had failed to table that metals of the they had failed to table that they are not the said if she had failed to table that metals of the they are not the said of the they are not the said they are not th

table that motion after the Government had run away from the vote (the non-vote) which preceded and provoked it? They would have attacked her for timing, and incompet-ence. But it is not only their

judgment that is at fault. "The Tories are awfully bad losers, you know. They've no generosity." That is what a former Conservative Prime Minister, whom I shall not identify for the works. identify for the present, once said to me. He exaggerated. The charge was extravagant; too sweeping, too generalized Nevertheless it was true, and remains true, of over-many. No doubt it is true of other parties as well. The Liberals were not noticeably generous

periphrasis and euphemism when we try to talk about them. The Victorian middle classes

were embarrassed by sex, and

referring to trousers as un-mentionables. Accordingly, their swearwords were sexual, for

Other ages and cultures have their sting to shock. Before long

respected and indeed venerated at this rate the most shocking old age. Present society in the unsults will no longer be sexual United Kingdom and especially but senile and moribund. Men

swearing performs the carthartic society as though the disease



Mrs Thatcher after the by-election

result: a fresh proof

now of public approval

towards Mr Thorpe. Nor has the Labour Party been consistently generous towards successive leaders. From this we may conclude that there is small thanks—little gratitude—to be had in politics except for sistently generous towards success." In the contentions sphere of public policy, however, success—like truth—is C Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

An occasional series on new words and new meanings

Why such an unkind word for the old?

And now there is a fashion

for using geriatric as though it were a jocular and somehow

less depressing synonym for old.

Geriatrics comes from two

they are senile old ruins or and "relating to the physician", geriatric squash player. He and means the branch of medibolic looks a remarkably fit and better, if only for the unheroic prudential reason that we may be the senior of social science dealing the senior of the latter of

It was coined in the New York

Medical Journal of 1909 as the

tology is a related word mean-

Geriatric accordingly has a clearly defined and useful mean-

ing as an adjective: concerned with the medical care of the

applied as if it meant merely old or very old or amusingly

But it is being widely mis-

because a long, learned

often subject to various interpretations, not only between parties but within them.

The probability, let us say, is that the Teries are not less generous than their opponents: they sometimes seem so it is perhaps because loyalty to-wards the incumbent leadership is supposed to be such an important aspect of their collective creed. Tending as they do to preach lovalty they are expected to practise it rather more than the next man.

We can now see that by his

arrangement with Air Steel the Prime Minister has achieved one thing. He has gained time one thing. He had gained time—though perhaps not very much. He has managed to defer a general election. That was his purpose, his single purpose. He had no interest—he cannot have—in furthering the present influence or future prospects of the Liberal Party. It is not Mr Callaghan who has deluded himself, but Mr Steel with his platoon of chocolate soldiers, now rigged out as a Ruritanian "shadow administration", and their affectations stration", and their affectations of power. If there were reasons did) that David Steel had probably succeeded in dishing the Liberals, the evidence has since become all the stronger-and not only because of Stech-

Mr Steel's act of collaboration may indeed have wrecked the Liberals as a distinctive inde-pendent force. While there are members of the Liberal Party who uphold his decision there are—I repeat—many people of liberal disposition who reject it and feel deeply offended by the compromise. This foretells a net loss for the Liberal Party, not

a net gain.

Lord Hailsham was speaking about the alliance (or rather misalliance) in Oxford the other misaltiance) in Oxford the other night. He is the best (and I hope not the last) of our Tory philosophers. As he said, the Conservatives have now become the only national Opposition party—and he foresaw an autumn election with the annihilation of the Liberals.

Recognizing the dangers contained in the strange partner-ship, Lord Hailsham also recog-nized the opportunities for the

precise than a common short one. Cardinal Basil Hume, the

Archbishop of Westminster,

claimed in an interview on his

appointment that he was a

been using the word correctly.

Perhaps the local paper that referred to geriatric high jinks

at an old people's home was

using the word soberly and

advisedly, and understood what

it was saying. But when a motoring correspondent wrote

the other day of a geriatric car

battery, the time had come to cry: "Hold, 'old enough ".

An astonishing vintage year for Moselle, but take care

Wine of the Century", even when the century has lots of life in it yet? We can all think of plenty of those, and possibly most notoriously the 1959s in Bordeaux Promotion gimmicks, we say, and look away.

As March fades into April with all the grim skies and raw bite to it, the wines are in along the Moselle. They are in cask in dripping cellars, with the non-return gas vents still in the bungholes as the fermentation comes to rest. And those in charge already know that the 1976 wines are the best since 1921. They are indeed asyonishing.

The Moselle valley is a spec-tactelar pizce, lofty and precipitous. The great wide river turbid and swollen like all European rivers now sweeps down in its sinuous course. This

down to its sinuous course. This course, like Kipling's, would make a tapeworm giddy.

The river is flanked on either side by a grey glacis of vine-yards rising high into the sky till crowned by a ragged fringe of black pine forest. Here and there along the banks nestle little villages whose names are household words — Urzig, household words — Urzig, Whelen, Piesport, Reil, with big brother Bernkastel about the

Up at the top of the river, at the Luxembourg border, lies Trier, near the confluence of the two massive tributaries of the Ruwer and the Saar amid even more spectacular scenery
—and some more famous names
such as Ockfen, Saarburg,
Serrig And the whole lot; apart from the more unpromising north-facing slopes, is one huge vineyard.

Unlike the Douro, it is not terraced. The vineyards are steep, but continuous. They are intersected with service roads along the contours here and there, and the stakes to which the vines are trained run always in precise rows up and down hill.

The properties are usually small, and highly individual as is well known. The nomenclatures, confusing at first sight, are basic and logical even if sesquipedalian. First the village, then the vineyard then the grape, then the quality— those glamorous words that show the degree of selectivity, culminating in the accolades of

For those who are not masters of wine, these two terms denote individually selected grape-berries allowed to have contracted the Noble Rot that has dehydrated and so contentrated them, and grapes that have remained on the vines till frozen—when they were picked and the ice left in the press so that once more the juice was concentrated. There was no Eiswein in 1976. for reasons I will tell. But first should mention that the naming of German wines has been modified by the new wine laws tions are basically grouped in districts known as Bereichs.

the top.
Individual small holdings too numerous to classify are ld, 'old enough".

Philip Howard

numerous to classify are grouped into joint appelations so that some well-known names disappear into larger units of

How often do we hear of the terminology. Thus there may be changes—but the

The Moselle has been said to be all planted with the Riesland grape. In future a regulated growth of others will be recog-

Now the 1976 is nearly ready for us. It is a small crop—the long hor summer shrivelled and concentrated the grapes on the stem—but a wonderfully rich one. So rich and concentrated that the suthering had to be that the gathering had to be very early if there were to be enough juice left to make wine at all. So no grapes remained to be frozen into Eiswein.

In such a year all the grapes are, as it were, upgraded in the scale of selection so that the simple Qualitärswein (if simple is the word) would be as great as a Späilese, and so on. And at the top end of the scale, for instance, a 1976 Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese drawn from its half-cask for tasting seemed so concentrated and charged and liqueur more than a Moselle. The Beerensuslese of the

same wine more truly kept the delicacy and fresh character of the true Moselle wine.
In a short time they will be bottled. And here 1976 sets a problem. German wines, not-only Moselies, are usually bottled in Germany. And the skills and standards of surgical asepsis and chemical cleanliness have to be exceedingly high; if not, disasters can easily hap-

Wirth virtually all bottling done at source, the skills and care are over-stretched, and for some years now a cunning way round this has been in practice —"hot bottling", it is called. The wine is virtually pasteur-ised to kill the yeasts, at 68 degrees C. For common table wines such as Liebfraumilch and the like this does not affect

But for the Qualitatswein and better this is not so good. It will certainly be drinkable afte a few months in bottle, but being biologically dead will not keep and will go flat and dull and will, in fact, deteriorate. A vintage such as 1976 will be wasted if hot-bottled as it can not be kept and treasured and sampled over the years ahead as a fragrant memory-it won't be. So an urgent problem has arisen, for in such a great vintage universally the cold-bottling skills will not go round they may even have dwindled since hot-bottling began.

Only the great or highest quality houses can do the job and all will be hard-pressed to do justice to these glorious wines. The purchaser will have to be careful and learn the little marks in the glass of the bottles that denote cold-bottling -and he will have to trust his grower and shipper more than

In off years the lesser wine are packed off to be blown up Thus the Moselle is divided In 1976-77 the lesser wines are into four, the best known pergood wines, the good wines great, and the great and selec-Bereich, with Zeller Bereich ted ones are, and are likely to downstream, Obermosel Bereich remain, beyond compare. No ted ones are, and are likely to upstream and Saar-Ruwer at Sekt this year.

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No recent controversy has excited the cognoscenti of the gambling scene more than the over the future of betting on horseracing, a subject on which the Royal Commission on Gambling will soon have to make up its mind.

The protagonists are, in one corner, the Horserace Totalisator (Tote) Board, flamboyantly represented by its persuasive chairman, Mr Woodrow Wyatt, and, in the other, the collected bookmakers and betting offices of Britain, relying on quiet persuasion rather than colourful

At stake is the right to run most of Britain's £1,500m-a-year betting business. The Tore, a statutory body, wants to take over most of the private sector—a "beautiful nationalisation", as Mr Wyatt has described it. Not upexpectedly, the private bookmakers do not want to be nationalized.

There are about 14,000 betting There are about 14,000 betting shops in the United Kingdom (excluding Northern Ireland), 3,000 of them being owned by the "Big Four": Ladbrokes, William Hill, Mecca and Joe Coral. The remainder belong to smaller, often localized groups, and family or one-man conand family or one-man con-cerns. Some bookmakers also operate at racecourses on race

The Tote was originally established to give the punter an alternative to betting with bookmakers at fixed odds known beforehand. It works on the pool principle, with the winning punter sharing the otal stake money invested on hat race, less administration expenses and duties. The odds at which he has in fact bet are 10t therefore known until after

he race. Since 1972 the Tote has been illowed to carry on general lookmaking activities, in direct ompetition with private bookrossible to place a bet with on-course betting) it could pro- been a steady decline in the

Sportsview

of off-course betting

the Tote at fixed odds, and, vide as much as 535m a year conversely, some bookmakers for racing, will accept bets with them at At prese stake mone

Why does the Tote want to nationalize the bookmakers? nationalize the bookmakers? First, it claims that bookmakers, and especially the Big Four, are waking inordinate profits, which they do not plough back into racing. The Tote itself is statutorily obliged to apply its profits to the sport.

In particular, Mr Wyatt vehemently accuses the Big Four of using profits madefrom their betting activities to from their betting activities to "build hotels, dragonaras, casinos, bingo halls, and other leisure centres". The Tote in its evidence to the Royal Com-mission, suggested that the four made just under 121m profit from their betting shops. It is difficut to know what the real figure is, if only because the accounts of the conglomerates do not show up their betting profits separately. Mr Eric Morley, chairman of the the Betting Office Licencess Association, has said that the Big Four's after-tax profits

were just over £8m. days, but on-course betting makes up only about 6 per cent of bookmakers' business.

The max originally recommission of Mr Phil Bull, one of racing's most influential figures, the pre-tax profit of the Big Four was put in the region of 3 per cent of stakes placed with them or 13 per cent after tax. That would not seem to bear out the claim that extravagant profits are being made. Perhaps unexpectedly, those percentages appear

pookmakers, their size making little difference. The second main point made by the Tote is that if it had a monopoly of off-course betting nakers, and it now has more (it is willing to allow bookhan 100 bearing shops. It is makers to continue operating

to be about the same for other

At present, of the £1.500m stake money placed on betting annually, the Government gets about £110m in duty. The racing industry, mainly by way

of levy paid by bookmakers, benefits by only £10m a year, a figure almost universally felt to be far too low to sustain the sport at the high standard which it has enjoyed in the past, and to make it worthwhile for owners, breeders and trainers to continue participating in it. The Tote's proposals, on the surface, would seem to be the answer to racing's prayers, by providing the money needed to overcome the ziling sport's economic difficulties.

The bookmakers, and, indeed, most of the sporting press and many other experts on racing, are not persuaded. Quite apart from the social and employ-ment implications (the Tote would close down some 6,000 betting shops), they have a fun-damental objection to a system which would not allow the punter to shop around for the best odds he can get.

The lack of competition would effectively mean that the Tote could impose on the betting public not only what shops they could bet at but also what returns they would get and what kinds of bets they could place.

The Tote has promised that if it took over off-course betting it would retain all the kinds of multiple bets and combination bets now available, and would also keep open some non-economic shops in areas badly served for betting facilities. The bookmakers do not be-lieve that it will be able to do so, and point to other nationalized industries—the Post Office and the railways, for example, where there has

service given to the public. They fear that the Tote would be forced eventually to keep only their profitable betting shops and provide only a minimal variety of bets.

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centration camps for the old in Florida and California, where

One of the many side issues revolves around whether the punter gets a better return bet-ting at Tote odds or at starting prices. There is no clear answer. Both sides make claims, but the result depends largely on what criteria are used.

Without pretending to abso lute statistical accuracy I con-ducted a survey of 200 recent races. On bets for a win, while the Tote offered a better return in slightly more than half of them, the starting price odds gave slightly better total return for a £1 investment in each race. Betting on a horse for a place was clearly more advan-tageous with the Tote.

To the average punter, however, the important distinction between the two is that wher bets with the bookmakers he knows what odds he is get-ting before the race, and thereore what his return will be if he wins. That degree of certainty is one of the main factors for the relative unpopularity of placing money at Tote odds, which attracts, it is estimated only between 3 per cent and 5 per cent of all stake money. The Tote hopes to improve that ratio by a computerization programme which, eventually, will tell the punter before the race approximately what he will win, as is the case with bookmakers'

The view in government circles-subject to the Royal Commission's conclusions—is that the Tote has neither proved the need for nationalization, nor is it capable of running all offcourse betting at this stage. As Mr Denis Howell, Minister for Sport, told Mr Wyatt at a recent luncheon: "You've got to show you can deliver the goods first".

Solitude and faith have transformed the Coptic monasteries transformation—in

Reaching the four Coptic either from Alexandria or Cairo implies an casy run of about mids at Ghiza, where rocks

dawn, purplish at dusk.

At Wadi Natrum, the table land is flat and the sand can be hard or soft with low lying marshes; the so-called lakes full of soda and salt are now no more exploited.

The horizon firmly kisses the blonde sand; the road appears fragile, a thin, leaden line which sandstorms cover in no instant. There is water though, and small plantations have been established, and irrigation below the Eventure to gation helps the Eucolyptus to

Nevertheless, already in the fourth century, men planted in this forbidden spot a few pockets of Christianity, monasteries combined with a fortress within their walls. Not only at Wadi Natrum but all over Upper, Lower Egypt and the Sinai peninsula the miracle of Coptic monachism peopled these deserts. It was the expression of a militant Islanic conquest in the 600's AD.

But in spite of the seas of Moslemism encompassing it, of and destruction, of ruins telling their past existence, a vacillating flame remained and survived nearly 2,000 years. Quite articulate in the Middle East, over three million Christian Conts survive. The Copts are the direct des-

cendants of the Egyptians and their flowering in the past was sandwiched between the Greco-Roman period and the array.

of the Omayads. Ptolemaic signs of their own, they was civilization was in decline on paperus, flat stones, pottery and parchment. It is unwise to Mediterranean prestige was an example to be followed. By the Fourth Century it was estab-lished and the Copts took to Marcel Berlins this new religion even if they erred later through Monophysism.

Alexandria, of course, was the seat of doctrine while in the monasteries mystics, and recluses carried its spirits. Fer-your explains their activities: route. There are no hillocks on the one hand they prayed, such as those near the Pyra- on the other, monks, often simple fellaheen, worked to survire. They became builders, labourers, basket makers. The faith burnt fiercely, fed by tradition, sacrifice. visions: no the legislate ware over a particular. theologians were ever nurtured among them.

They lived half cremitic lives and left their cells and caves only once a week to attend long religious services rather as on Mount Athos today. Their "hegumens" knew that solemn rites would benefit them psychologically. The weekly mass was followed by the "ugape" a meal taken in common. Their feeling for life itself and their role in Egypt can be compared to the "oeuvre" of our medieval monks in Europe, in regard to faith only, as in Egypt survival was at the expense of science and poetry.

Still their codex and manuscripts have been eagerly col-lected by the West, started by Robert Curzon, who in 1837, at the age of 27, visited the Wadi Natrum monasteries, dived into caves, saw vellum manuscripts conturies of darkness, pillages lying about covering jam jars and destruction, of ruins telling their past existence, a the old Abbot with "rosoglio", allowed to leave laden with Coptic manuscripts. Ever since the plunder has gone on and our museums are full of over a thousand Syriac and Contic treasures.

Slowly Egyptian hierogly-phics dwindled and were replaced by Greek to which even-Ptolemaic period in art, for instance: it is more of a transformation borrowing from the Greeks, the Romans, later the Byzantines, such as the basket work of capitals now in the Coptic museum in Cairo.

sculpture, for instance—is derived from a deep seated feeling about rebirth. It was easy to turn the Egyptian Osicis into the Roman Dionysus and Isis into Aphrodite. From this theme, where Isis nurses Horus it was nothing much for the Copts to picture Mary feeding the in-fant Jesus, transposing the Pagan symbolism.

What is it that one seeks when visiting the Wadi Natrum monasteries, apart from the fascination of seeing very ancient monuments, although they monuments, although they have little beauty, unity or artistic feel. It is no doubt the extraordinary fact of encountering living entities which without

a break in continuity. kept alive a Christian faith since the fourth century.

About two or three miles from the main road right into the Wadi, a forbidding creamgrey complex appears, sur-rounded by an hermetic wall. It is Dur abu Sureyna. As one approaches, palm trees flutter their dusty branches by a modern belfry, and a square keep emerges a little higher than the 12 metre high wall sur-rounding monastic buildings and churches. These are low lying chapels, barrel shaped and domed.

A cross surmounts the stark looking door and when pulled a bell tinkles. A long wait is followed by the opening of the door when a black robed monk takes the letter of introduction asked for in Cairo from the Coptic Patriarchate. This has been from time immemorial the open sesame to the monas-

The amiable black robed monk explains little. One refers to Dorothea Russell's splendid discriptions of these keeps, refectories and chapels. In her book Medieval Cairo and the Wadi Natrum Monasteries. There, monks still chant, standing under faded and rough frescoes reminiscent of the rupestrian churches of Cappadocia facing a line of high pulpits carrying breviaries in Cop-

The frescoes are peeling, the carpets are frayed, the bones of the founder saints covered with very old draperies in drum like coffins travel from the winter to the summer churches.

They are respectfully touched by monks and pil-grims, and it rather makes one conscious of the rite-loving Russians at Zagorsk and Vladimir kissing prosaically the Glebs and the Boris icons enshrined in the iconostasis of cathedrals. At Bishoi the monks venerate the Tree of Ephraem, a Tarmarisk of great age now surrounded by a wall. Neer-by is a Roman well where legend has it that swords dripping with the blood of 40 martyrs venerated at Abu Makar, the most important of the four monasteries, were cleaned and purified. A totally different atmo-

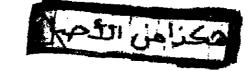
monastery. monastery. Founded by Macarius round the 350's it shared the fate of the other three, Baramus, Bishoi and Sureyna. It was rebuilt in the ninth and the eleventh centuries and housed many Conobites and Anchorites through the ages.
Suddenly, a renewal of faith

and a desire for solitude has gripped a number of Copts who have come recently from all walks of life. They have transformed the monastery though always within the walls. A great hall for conferences has been built; the keep is going to be used as a library and modern machinery is being screened by a new wall

within the enclosure.

Alas, this renewal has somehow engulfed physically ancient chapels. If not razed they are certainly blanketed within new grey concrete walls. But the great charm dis-tilled by Bishoi, Baramus and Sureyna is disappearing at Dier abu Makar. The "renewal" perhaps is more important.

Marie-Noelle Kelly



sumption.

Also, it is sadly traditional that a

Alas, it is sadiy traditional that a Socialist Chancellor has little knowledge of our large industry—agriculture, but it is abborrent that the Minister who represents agriculture has no experience of forming, is a declared protagonist of cheap food, and, we in the industry

would seem to be unrepresented in government hierarchy by any minister who understands our problems. Has the Chancemor oven

made aware of this additional infla-tionary charge to the British food

Sir, According to your tax tables for "Married Couples, Income all earned", in the event of agreement

on a new phase of pay policy, tax changes will reduce the tax of those

earning £2,000 a year by £64.50— just over £1 a week and of those carning £25,000 by £916.20, nearly £18 a week. Any trade unionist who supports a deal like this must

surely need to have his head

Sir, Your tables showing the effect of the proposed tax changes reveal that for annual incomes of

£7,000 per annum and above, ic middle and senior management

salaries, the total (not the "per capita") increase in net income for a family of four (including the

a family of four (including the child benefit) is to be less than the increase for a married (but child-less) couple, and in the range 27,000 pa to £15,000 pa (the Chancellor's "richest families"—enjoying perhaps, a per capita income of £30 per usely greatly is to be less arms.

per week gross), is to be less even than the increase for a single

This, apparently, is known as "concentrating relief where it is most needed".

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A SUBURB OF CRAFTSMEN The Stechford by-election is influence on the delisions of obviously a very severe blow to government and to be involved in the mixing of national policy the processorily a fair representation of the mixing of national policy the processorily a fair representation.

country to another, but it is the first opportunity that a parliamentary electorate has had to pass judgment and they have passed it most emphatically.
It is true that the Liberal

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candidate, kir Gopsill, was not himself initially sympathetic to the pact and floundered in trying to adjust his campaign to it. Yet he was a well established Liberal candidate, with a first-class organization supporting him, in a constituency he had contested at the previous General Election. He polled less than half the votes that he had won at the last General Election whereas the actual Conservative vote increased by some 40 per.

Mr Steel's pact with Mr Callaghan is the third such venture of conditional support in the history of the Liberal Party. The first was Mr Asquith's decision to put Ramsay MacDonald in as the first Labour Prime Minister in 1924. The second was the support that Lloyd-George gave to the second Ramsay MacDonald government in 1929. Both times Liberal support was necessary to allow a minority. Labour government to conduct its business, and both could be justified in terms of the need to carry on the government of the country. In both cases the electoral results were disastrous for the Liberal Party. The election of 1924 produced a large Conservative majority and a col-lapse in Liberal membership of the House of Commons, which fell from 159 to 40. The 1929 parliament ended with the Liberals split and produced an enormous majority for a Con-servative dominated coalition. Liberal representation in the House of Commons has never recovered from the 1924 defeat.

The historical parallels do, therefore, show that Mr Steel has taken a very big risk in supporting a minority Labour Government; all the bigger because it is also an unpopular Government. At first it seemed that the Liberals might gain support as a result of their increased credibility. The Liberals are now seen to have an and their standard of living.

necessarily a fair representation of general public opinion. Steenford is only one constituency, and artitudes to the pact may vary from one part of the advantage of part. The disadvantconsiderate number of Liberal supported have rallied to the pact because they see the advantage of that. The disadvantage however is equally clear. A proportion of Liberal voters, usually that the beautiful to the constant of the constant usually thought to be rather over half, compas of voters who would normally vote Conserva-tive if her were no Liberal candidee in their constituency. If the vote Liberal now they are young for he maintenance of the Labour Golernment in office, the Labour Government in office, now merely for a limited period but indefinitely. Mr Steel has been talking a though he saw the pact lasting for a considerable period of time until the economic situation had improved, perhaps in 1978 of perhaps even later.

Voters who wan to get the Government out cannot be expected to vote for Liberal candidates who will keep the Government in, and the evidence at Stechford is that they refuse to do so. Some ex-Libral voters may have voted for the National Front candidate who has the Front candidate who beat the unfortunate Liberal into fourth place. These are the pure protest voters who cannot protest against the Government by voting for 1 party which is supporting the Government. Others undoultedly switched their votes to the

Conservative. The Stechford result is not going to make the Liberal members of the present padiament any the more keen to precipitate a General Election. That is certain. Yet at the same time the future of the Lib/Lab pact depends upon its success. If it seems merely to be a way of postponing the evil day then it is likely to be eroded on both sides. Only if it can be seen as a way of producing a successful national policy will it have enough life in it to survive for more than a few months.

Unfortunately for that pros-pect, the Stechford result is equally bad news for government policy. The question is whether the large class of people who have been discriminated against by incomes policy, a class typified by the toolmakers of British Loyland, are going to accept another year of progressive reduction in their differentials

Already the evidence from the Trade Union movement is that they are not. Stechford provides political evidence of the same

kind. The Stechford constituency is a constituency of skilled, rather than unskilled, workers and lower grades of management. It has been a Labour stronghold because of the strongly indus-trial character of the work done by the people who live in Stechford, but it is a suburb of craftsmen. That indeed lends particular interest to its verdict. The Stechford result shows exactly the same thing as the British Leyland strike; that there is a deep resentment among this large and important social group against a policy which has advanced the interests of the unskilled at the expense of the skilled. It is appropriate that Mr Jack Jones, the true architect of this policy, came to campaign in Stechford and had very little notice taken of him. It was Mr Jack Jones who made the last two years' incomes policy a policy for the unskilled, and he did so because the Transport and General Workers' Union has so broad an unskilled member-

It is becoming more clear that there is neither the trade union nor the political support for a genuine Phase III of the incomes policy in the mould of Phase I and Phase II. There may well be a paper policy—a signature on a document-but paper policies tend to be even more unfair in their effects than incomes policies which have a real and general effect. A weak incomes lolicy which is widely evaded is bitterly resented by those who do accept it, or are forced to do

We have always considered it dearable that the question of Phise III should be determined by he present government. The experiment of the social contract shoud now be completed. We need to know whether a genuine Phase III under the Social Contract an be achieved, and if it is achieved in name we need to know whether it is real or bogus. Stechford suggests that it cannot be achieved; that it simply does not have the national support which is needed. Stechford also suggests that Liberals are likely to pay avery heavy penalty for having involved themselves in a process of government they are not in a polition to control.

ONE BAD SYSTEM AND TWO POSSIBLE ONES

of their mandate).

A "white paper with green minster MPs with the time and nationwide election Northern edges" we were promised. A energy to spare, and the quespects paper with white spots is tion of what to do when a what Mr Rees and Dr Owen have European MP loses his Westgiven us. As Mr Callaghan warned (or promised) in the Commons last week, the White Paper on direct elections to the European Assembly, published yesterday, sets out the choice different electoral systems but makes no recom-mendation. "Each of these possibilities", it says, "has some attractions; but each also presents serious difficulties. Before coming to a conclusion on this, the Government wishes to listen to the views expressed

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in Parliament and elsewhere." The possibilities in question are four; the traditional British simple majority system with single-member constituencies (which last year's select committee recommended; a list system of proportional repre-sentation probably on a regional basis"; the single transferable vote; and a combilation of one of these with the "compulsory dual mandate", which would mean that only members of the House of Commons (why not the House of Lords, as at present?) would be eligible. other words the fourth option not an alternative to the other three but has to be the subject of a separate decision.

The arguments for the compulsory dual mandate mentioned in the White Paper are of a kind more likely to impress party leaders and chief whips the general public: it would "minimise the risk of divergencies between Assembly members and other Westminster members of the same Party", and without it Assembly members "might regard themselves as owing a primary allegiance to European rather than national Parties". The arguments against are much stronger: the growing pressure of business both at Westminster and in Strasbourg, the difficulty of finding eighty-one West-

minster seat. One might add that the general purpose of direct elections would not be served by making the European Parliament a place to which only members of the existing political club can have access; and if it is felt desirable (as it reasonably might be) that European MPs once elected should keep in close touch with events at Westminster, there are various other ways in which this could be achieved (the most formal being to give them ex officio membership of the House of Lords for the duration

Clearly the more serious choice is between the three different electoral systems. The arguments against using a simple majority system for European elections have been rehearsed often enough in these columns, and it is very heartening to see them at last being given due weight by the Government. No doubt calculations of party advantage or disadvantage (the thought that a mid-term election in eighty-one single-member constituencies would be rather like eighty-one simultaneous Stechford by-elections) have concentrated the Governmental mind; it should be further concentrated now by Mr Callaghan's promise ast week "to take full account of the Liberal Party's commitm'nt" to a proportional system, and by the knowledge that if that promise is broken the Government will no longer have a peliamentary majority. It should also be noticed that the only positive statement of intent in the white Paper is that, whatever habens in the rest of the kingdom a proportional system will be used in Northern Ireland. The object of this is, of course, to ensure epresentation of the Catholic vinority. But the Unionist majority can hardly be expected to accept that in a

If this is accepted, we are left with a regiona list system and STV. A national list system is not seriously considered, apparently because it would involve voting for parties rather than individuals. In the particular form of regional list system which the Government outlines for us (and which appears to be the system recently suggested by Mr Michael Steed) his would be avoided. The elector would cast one vote for a nam'd candidate with or without party affiliation. The total votes cast for all the candidates of each pirty would be calculated, and the parties allotted seats in projection to their total share of the poll. Within the parties he seats would be allotted to the named candidates who received most individual votes.

This system seems admirably designed for this paticular election. It is consideraby less complicated than STV, hough in the eyes of Miss Lakeman and her followers it falls short of it in excellence, giving slightly less influence to the voter \and slightly more to the parties. The Government suggests that the names of candidates should be listed alphabetically on the ballot-paper, irrespective of party. That would seem to give au undue advantage to cantidates whose names begin with A or B. Ir would be better to put the non-party candidates at the top (to ensure they are not overlooked) and then group the candidates for each party together as a list. It would not even be intolerable to allow the parties to decide the order of their own lists, since the voter would not after all be obliged to respect it. But in any case, either this system or STV would be greatly preferable to the non-proportional "first past the DÖST " system

Social work training From Mr Ken Judge Sir, Mr Tom White (March 25) has put forward a powerful plea for the Government to make available additional funds for training social workers in the next academic year. Although it is indisputable that the present economic situation will have alterne contenuance for the devel siverse consequences for the development of social work education, it is not self evident that the Govexament should be persuaded to

First, because there are so many other legislate and pressing calls on limited public resources, for example, youth unemployment, the squalor of many inner cities, and raising the tax threshold for low income families. Second, it is argument. able that the present complement of qualified social workers is used

give priority support for at least

three reasons.

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inefficiently an that higher levels of social work output could be achieved, for an given level of exachieved, for an given level of expenditure, by greater use of incillary workers I have developed this argument elswhere ("Econonic Analysis and Productive Efficiency in the Personal Social Services: The Differential Use of Manpower", International Journal of Social Economics Vol 3, No 2, 1976), but it is work remarking 1970), but it is with remarking that even the General Secretary of the British Association of Social Workers has admitted that too many locial workers at "spending a lot of their time doirt things for which they are not bained and which oher people could do just as

well, if not better" Finally it should be remem-bered that the maintenance costs of students indertaking strial work training, the issue in question, are financed byth by central and local government. The prosent arisis government The present

has not been caused by central government directly — indeed the number of grants available from the Department of Health and Social Department of Health and Social Security has been increased, but by cuts in local authority expenditure. The remedy, therefore, seems to he within the power of the local authorities themselves. They are always anxious to preserve their local autonomy and they now have an opportunity to do so. The personal social services are primarily a local responsibility.) or to we are freresponsibility, or to we are frequently told and if facilitating social work aducation is really a major priority then perhaps local authorities should suit their money where their mouths are Yours suitcerely.

KEN JUDGE, Lecturer in Social Administration, University of Bristol 12 Priory Road,

Clifton, Bristol

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberal pact with Labour

From Lord Gladwyn

From Lord Gladwin

Sir, Professor Hayek, thur great
propher of what President Giscard
d'Estaing calls "old-fashioned"
Liberalism, and hero of our more
right-wing Tories, believes that no
Liberal can now vote "Liberal"—
thanks to the British Liberal
Party's (justified) support of a
British "Socialist" Government
(Letters March 31)

(Letters, March 31). I suggest that the British politi-cal scene as contemplated from an ivory tower in Freibourg becomes rather distorted. The whole point of the recent arrangement was to discourage, not to facilitate, the passage of Socialist measures of which two-thirds of the country

disapprove.

Incidentally, would the Protessor maintain that the German Free Democrate, who are now in a coalition with Socialists, should no longer receive any "Liberal" sup-Yours faithfully, GLADWYN, House of Lords. March 31.

From Mr Andrew Phillips Sir, Professor Hayek (March 31) has it wrong. The Liberal Party is not keeping "a socialist government in power" but only a Labour government in office. The difference of the state of the ence is both real and profound. cours truly,

ANDREW PHILLIPS, Prospective Liberal Parliamentary Candidate, Saffron Walden Constituency Liberal Association, 89 Bradford Street, Bocking, Braintree, Essex. March 31.

Loan for Mentmore From the Chairman of the National

Art-Collections Fund. Sir, Your announcement (March 31) that the National Art-Collections Fund had agreed to participate up to £250,000 in an interest free loan needs further elucidation lest your readers should think that we are using our carefully husbanded funds

in a reckless manner. The executive committee feel so strongly that Mentmore and its contents should be saved for the nation that at this eleventh hour it has offered to lend the Government £250,000, one quarter of the Fund's free capital, on condition that it is repaid in five annual instalments. The total cost to the Fund of this interest free loan would be about £75,000. If the auction sale goes forward the NACF might easily find itself in the position of being asked to contribute such a sum towards the purchase of a few outstanding pictures and pieces of furniture. Under the terms of our charter

our loan would have to be linked with the acquisition of some of the works of art, and we would have to be assured that the house would be open to the public as a museum or in the same manner as a National Trust house, and that the works of art would be properly maintained.

In taking this lead the Fund hopes that other institutions, with a hundred times the NACF's resources, will also produce an interest-free loan, and that if there is any shortfall it will be made up by a further contribution from the Land Fund.

Yours faithfully, BRINSLEY FORD, National Art-Collections Fund, 14 Wyndham Place, W1.

From Mr Alan Beith, MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed (Liberal) Sir, Miss Tregoning asks in her letter (March 29) whether the Liberal Party is in favour of the acquisition of Menumore and its art treasures by means of the Land Fund. That is my view, and as the party's spokesman on Education and the Arts I have joined with MPs in other parties to advocate it since the early days of the Mentmore Yours faithfully,

House of Commons.

ALAN BEITH

Human rights in Korea From the General Secretary of the

Korea Committee Sir. The extensive coverage given in recent issues of The Times to affairs in South Korea is welcome. Your correspondent (Peter Hazelhurst, March 23 and 24) quotes former President Yun Po Sun as saving that "In South Korea we are living in a police state", and complaining that "The British Government has not lifted a finger to champion human rights in this country." Yun Po Sun believes that the British contribution to the war in Korea a generation ago gives Britain a strong position from which to make representations to Seoul on such matters.

Another factor—although Yun does not mention it—which should strengthen the British voice is that. of the original United Nations con tingent that fought in Korea, only the Americans. British and Filipinos now remain. The British contingent, however small, is an important symbol of British support to the Park regime.

Yet, although the British official record is one of unconditional support for the "police state" that South Korea has become, there is reason to believe that the conscience of the British public is not insensi-tive to the plight of democrats in South Korea. A petition calling for the release of political prisoners and the restoration of democracy was signed last December by a group of 34 Members of Parliament and a considerable number of prominent British academics, artists, union leaders and men of religion, and sent to President Park and to the British Government.

It is to be hoped that your present series of articles will help to generate much wider public pressure on the British Government to reconsider its Korea policy. Yours sincerely, GAVAN McCORMACK, General Secretary,

101 Gower Street, WC1.

The Budget: freezing prices Agriculture in England has suf-fered a very long wet winter demanding costly cultivations for the preparation or spring seed beds. Costly in expensive machinery; part of which industry, has been strike ridden; and very costly in fuel con-

Sir, In his Budget speech the Chancellor said that the Government intended "to prevent any unreasonable profit mark-up" by unreasonable profit mark-up" by retaining margin control and "by

realizing margin control and by taking a new power to freeze a particular price for up to a year when an independent investigation shows this to be justified." This must have sounded reasonable, since no subsequent speaker comented. The purpose of my letter to you,

Sir, is to point out that the Chan-cellor's words differ significantly from the proposals for price control published by the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection which provide for a three-month price freeze, pending investigation. We have no way of the Consument's knowing which of the Government's two roices we are to believe.

In his consultative document A New Prices Policy issued on February 22. Mr Henreley announced that when the Price Commission decided to investigate a pre-notified price increase "the price which it was proposed to increase would remain frozen for three mouths (beginning from the date on which the investigation

was announced) ".
No question of justification for the freeze (as stated by the Chan-cellor) arises here. It will be a matter of shoot first and ask questions afterwards. The freeze is to be imposed without reason or explanation, and three mouths later the Commission can express its regrets, report that there was no justification for it, and allow the price increase. The company con-cerned has lost three months legitimate income: and there is no

redress. The Food and Drink Industries Council has fold Mr Hattersley that such arbitrary power in the hands of a non-elected body is intolerable in a free society. We have had no response; but the Chancellor seems to have taken the point. We must now assume either that Mr. Hattersley has made a concession or that the Chancellor has got it wrong. There are unfortunately more precedents for the latter assumption than for the former. Yours faithfully,

TIM FORTESCUE, Secretary General, Food and Drink Industries Council, 1-2 Castle Lane, SW1. March 31.

From Mr Ian C. Macdonald Sir, The burdensome increase imposed by the Budget upon the rural community of 51p per gallon on petrol is accompanied by an increase of 11p on farm tractor diesel to 37 p per gallon—an increase of 540 on an order for 1,100 gallons. In five years the cost of diesel has risen by 493 per cent.

The Oveen in Australia From Mr Humphry Berkeley

Sir, By inclination, I am a republi-can. However, the incomparable grace, dedication, and constitutional propriety which Her Majesty has bestowed upon the peoples whom in name she rules, but, in fact she serves, has endowed the monarchy with a value which I, at least, would wish to see preserved. The occasional but refreshingly breezy indiscretions which Prince Philip commits can only cause offence to those who are both pompous and without humour. Like you, I greatly welcome the success of her tour of Australia, despite the fact that there were occasional demonstrations against the Crown by a small

minority.
I agree with your leader (March 31) in which you expressed the view that Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General, might have had the grace to retire from office before the Royal visit, for it was against him and not against the Queen that the animosity was directed. Since the Governor-General of Australia is appointed by Her Majesty on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr Malcolm Fraser must also be criti-cized, since Sir John Kerr could have been replaced by him before the tour, in which event there might have been no demonstra-

It is at this point that I dissent from your view that Sir John Kerr acted correctly in dismissing Mr Gough Whitlam from the office of Prime Minister. If Mr Whitlam had known what Sir John Kerr intended to do before they met, he could have preempted this by the simple device of picking up his telephone

and advising the Queen's private secretary that he wished Sir John Kerr's appointment to be terminated. The Queen could not have rejected this advice.

The fact that Mr Malcolm Fraser won a handsome majority (having already been appointed Prime Mini-ster by Sir John Kerr), in the subscquent General Election is irrelevant. If there had been a General Elec-tion in the United Kingdom in 1968, or in 1972, or, possibly even today, the Government would have been or might be defeated. It is however unthinkable that Her Majesty would dismiss Mr Wilson, Mr Heath, or Mr Callaghan from the post of Prime Minister in these circumstances.

I have felt for a long time that the title Governor-General is, to use your own word, "anachronistic" for the Queen's Representative in a fully independent Commonwealth country. It has an inescapably colonial flavour. Viceroy would hardly be more acceptable with its association with the British Raj in India. I venture to suggest that the title "Regent" should be substituted for that of Governor-General to describe the post of the repre-sentative of the Crown in those independent Commonwealth countries (by no means all of which are inhabited by people of British stock) which wish the Queen to remain their Head of State. This title has the merit of describing the duties of the Queen's Repre-sentative exactly and has no

colonial connotation. Yours faithfully, HUMPHRY BERKELEY. Three Pages Yard, Chiswick, W4. March 31. - -

Conservative devolution From Sir Andrew Gilchrist

Sir, You report in your issue of March 28 that the Conservative Party, moved by Mr Edward Taylor, is likely to make a new approach to devolution by proposing the transfer of a good deal of Scottish parliamentary business to regular meetings of Scottish MPs in Edinburgh.

If we are to have any form of devolution at all, this is much the least harmful way of doing it. The problem the proposal seeks to solve is a real one, stemming from the fact that Scotland is at present suffering from too much devolution rather than from too little. The delegation of administrative powers which exists in respect of Scotland, in the form of the Scottish Office and its ministers, is unmatched else-where in the United Kingdom; and it may well be that it is not subject to adequate political supervision.

A Scottish MP spends 70 per cent of his time at Westminster and 30 per cent in his constituency, while the Scottish Office does 99 per cent of its work in Edinburgh, Mr Taylor's proposal is that for a great deal of this devolved business, there should be devolved political supervision.

One great advantage of using existing Scottish MPs to provide this supervision is that it avoids the need for any new elected assembly. Members of such an assembly, memors of such an assembly would inevitably act as grievance agents for their constituents, thus duplicating the work of MPs proper and so leading to unnecessary confusion. Mr Taylor's meetings should above all be businesslike; the idea of a special

local Select Committee, perhaps one with wider scope and powers than the normal Westminster equivalent, is one which might well be implemented.

There is one obvious objection to Mr Taylor's proposal. The political majority in Edinburgh may not majority in Edinburgh may not conform to the overall majority at Westminster, so that we could find ourselves with a Tory Government in London and a non-Tory majority in (what we might call) the Scottish Review Chamber. But this is an argument against any kind of devolution, and surely the high improbability of the Tories attaining a majority in any form of Scottish majority in any form of Scottish election was obvious to the leadership when they chose to wave the devolutionary flag Moreover, it is worth bearing in mind that the American political system seems to survive pretty well when the executive belongs to one party and the majority in Congress to another. (The analogy may not be exact, but is relevant.)

At any rate Mr Taylor seems to have grasped the fact that there is no hope of the Tories stealing votes from the SNP or from Labour by pretending to be nationalists.

Finally, if it is suggested that the Review Chamber might develop into Review Chamber might develop into a powerful pressure group in favour of Scotland, the answer is why not? The reasons for giving special encouragement to the development of the North Searclased Scotlish economy are good Westminster reasons and fully deserve to have pressure put behind them.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW GILCHRIST. ANDREW GILCHRIST. Arthur's Crag, Hazelbank, by Lanark,

Lanarkshire.

Improving life in inner cities

From the Bishop of Birmingham and

Sir. The Secretary of State for the Environment is shortly to issue a White Paper containing the Government's proposals for tackling the problems of the inner city. May we urge that in preparing his proposals, consideration be given to the following points?

1. We must checish what we 1. We must cherish what we still have in the inner city, whather it be jobs, homes or the energies of the people who live there. On Merseyside several large acceptance of any or the cherist of any o

there. On Mersevside several large coarses of employment have closed in recent months. We need policies, and particularly financial structures, which will protect the businesses already established in these areas and, indeed, help them to expand. Similarly, if rehabilitation of the cristing stock of housing is to be effective as an atternative to large-scale clearance, there needs to be a change in the improvement grants system to allow improvement grants system to ellow a greater proportion of the grant to be spent on basic repairs. .2. We must recognize that the problems facing these areas cannot

be solved by local government acting alone. They need to be tackled collaboratively, with central government if necessary catablishing ad hoc agencies with resources to generate economic activity but answerable to the local authority. Collaboration, to be effective, must also include the people living in these creas. We are aware of the frustrations of "citizen participation", particularly in localities which here lost hope. But restoring a sense of morale is not only one of our goals, it is a means immediately to bend provided we can overcome the autogonism which has so often grown up between community groups and local government.

3. We must face squerely the need for positive discrimination, if the process of decline in these areas is to be halted and reversed. As you yourself have pointed out in a recent editorial, positive discrimination can only be justified on the basis of identifiable need. We accept that there are otherways of need outside the meters. areas of need outside the metropolitin conurbations. Whatever resources are made available, it is important that procedures for allocating them should be well understood, speedy, and applied locally. Yours faithfully,

TLAURENCE BIRMINGHAM, DAVID LIVERPOOL MERVYN SOUTHWARK, Church House. Dean's Yard, SW1. April 1.

Murder in Cambodia From Mr A. M. Spooner

Sir, What is Mr Levin trying to prove in his articles on Cambodia? That Communism is evil and that we in the West have a monopoly of virtue? The events that he describes are

similar in spirit, if not in scale, to recent events in Uganda. The Klimer Rouge murder in the name of Communism. Idi Amin Dada murders in the name of Islam. The choice of which anti-imperialise creed to follow is purely a matter of historical circumstance. We do not condemn Islam because the faith is perverted in Uganda. Why does Mr Levin dwell on the brutality of the Khmer Rouge soldiers? Communism as an ideology is not to blame for the alienation caused by armed conflict. flict. The brutalizing effect of warfare is well documented; the callous indifference of the pilot to those be kills is no more admirable then the more personal forms of brutzlity displayed by the low-technology Khmer Rouge. We should not feel culturally and morally superior because we have the copability to massacre by remote control. Yours faithfully.

A. M. SPOONER, 45 Canfield Gardens, NW6.

A flight of butterflies From Mr Douglas Cottrill

Sir, The letter from your Mallorcan contributor (March 31) is very intriguing. He was right to be a little incredulous, but only so far as the identity of the butterflies is concerned. I am certainly very glad to think that whatever he saw here. had been able to survive the insecticides.

Insecticides.

It is very difficult to hazard a guess at the actual identity of the insects he saw. The Heath Fritillary (Mellicta athalia) has never been recorded from the Balearic Islands, and would in any case and the and would in any case not have emerged at this date even in neigh-bouring Spain. In fact no Mellicta or Melitaca is recorded from the Balearics, nor would any fly normally anywhere in Spain earlier than May (M. phoebe) apart from one (M. aetherie) which is very local the extreme South around

Algerias.

I would expect the only butterfly of anywhere near the size and colour of a small fritillary flying in Mallorca in March to be the small lead form of Lasionmata mercera local form of Lasiommata megera referred to as ab*, intermedia* Mus hamp or *paramegaera* Huebner. but your correspondent's description of their flight characteristics does not really seem to fit that species. If he could capture one specimen it would be possible to solve the mystery by his taking a photograph. Yours sincerely. Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS COTTRILL,

Flattering flora

Colyford, East Deepn.

From Mr.M. E. Happend

Sir, There has been a lot of talk
on the radio and television and
ordicles in The Times about the
wonderful response of flowers and
regetables to encouraging talk and beautiful music. Can any expert in these matters please tell me why, when I go down my garden and say rude things to weeds, they do not wither and perish?

Yours, M. E. HAYWARD. Sunny Bank, Shoreham Road, Offord, Kent.

Orchestral scholarship: Jane Marshall playing the oboe before the judges at the London area finals of the Shell-London Symphony Orchestra Music Scholarship at the Wigmore Hall

vesterday. Another of the contestants, Carol Stather, aged 16, of

Hartepeol, so impressed Mr Gerald McDonald, administrator of the scholarship, with her bassoon playing that he is naving for her to have a monthly lesson for a year with a principal of the

Northern Sinfonia (our Arts Reporter writes).

Mr McDonald said: "She had never heard a professional

orchestra live, and she would not have stood a chance in the

Each region has held its own finals and seven young players performing on either the flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon or horn, have been selected for national finals in London next month. The first prize will be £3,000 to provide for the musical development of its winner.

Latest wills

Jewish women

Home left for elderly

Miss Bessle Golding, of Golders Green. London. ic.t 60,895 net. She left her home to the League of Jewish Women for elderly impoverished Jewish women and after small bequests a quarter of the residue for an endowment to the home, and a quarter each to the lewish Blind Society, the

the Jewish Blind Society, the Home for Aged Jews, London, and the Imperial Cancer Research

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed): Bandy, Mr Charles Henry, of East

Today's engagements

Olympia, 10.9 (floot day). London voll,: A rord tilege; Fonsionton, incet High Street Kensington Underground station,

2.30-6.
Lecture: The modern collection
German paintings, Lecture
Room. Tate Gallery 3. . . .
City walk: Fleet Street: the Jex

ture of history, meet Law Courts, Strand, 3.

From The Times of Wednesday. April 2, 1952

to take the last of the trams off

Last of the trams . Lordon Transport amounted yesterday that it is now planned

Tomorrow

25 years ago

2,30-6.

Deposed Greek

plea to Europe

Eleven deposed bishops of the Orthodox Church of Greece have

Orthodox Church of Greece have appealed to the Council of Europe accusing the Greek Government of violating their human rights.

They were elected and consecrated by the church leadership appointed by the military junta which selzed Dower in 1967. When this junta was tompled by another in 1973, the bishops were nut on trial before a synod and deposed. Other, bishops were elected to replace them.

After the restoration of demo-cracy in 1974, this arrangement was confirmed by law and the ousted bishops were depied judi-cial recourse to quash their dis-

In their letter to the Secretary

General of the Council of Europe, the bishops said that this denial was in violation of the European

Convention on Homan Rights. As Greece, while having ratified the convention, did not acknowledge the automatic jurisdiction of the European Commission of Human Rights, no pelition could be filed with it.

They were thus urging the Secretary-General to ask the Greek Government how the Greek legislation—concerned could be reconciled with the provisions of the convention:

the convention:
The appeal comes at a time when the church has been triing to find a commoulse by dividing

to accommodate some of

From Our Correspondent

bishops'

Afhens, April 1



COURT-CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 1: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel,
The Royal Yeomanry, was present
this evening at a Reception given
of the Cavairy and Guards Club to
mark the Teath Anniversary of the
formation of the Regiment. formation of the Regiment.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Chlist were in

KENSINGTON PALACE KENSINGTON PALACE
April 1: Princess Alice Duchess of
Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-inClusef the Royal Anglian Regiment,
attended the Tentu Anoiversary
Dinner of the 5th (Volunteer)
Extralon of the Regiment at Bassinghourn.
Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton
was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
April 1: The Duke of Kent, President of the Ruyal Air Force Benevolent Fund, this etening attended the Anniversary Concert at the Royal Festival Hall. Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Birthdays 10day

Mr Jack Brabham, 51; Sir Paul
Chambers, 73; Mr Leslie FarrerBrown, 73; Majur-General Sir
Suart Greeves, 50; Sir Alec Guinness, 63; Lord Segal, 75.

10MORROW: Mr Anthony
Wedgwood Benn, MP, 52; the
Duke of Grafton, 58: Vice-Anmiral
Sir Alan McNicoll, 69; His Honour
J. C. Maude, QC, 76; Sir John
Ricks, 67; General Sir Ouvry
Roberts, 79; Sir Godfrey Style,
62; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John
Thomson, 69; Sir John Walley,
71.

Cathedral appeal

The engagement is aunounced between William Neil Murro, youngest son of Mr and Mrs James Jackson, of Leeds, West Yorkshire, and Clare Zoe, eldest daughter of Mr John Bennett, of Horsley, Surrey, and Dr Frances Bannett, of Bolton, Greater Manchester. An auction of antiques organized by the Suffolk committee of the Westminster Cathedral Appeal at the sale room of Deunis E. B. N.al in Woodbridge, Suffolk, 12.2 Wednesday relacd 27,066, in-Mr J. Willford and Miss M. I'E. Cartwright ciuding donations. The engagement is announced

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:

The following to be members of the Ancient Monuments Board for England: Dr I. H. Longworth, keeper of prehistoric and Romano-British Astriquities, British Museum, and Dr Margaret Weston, Director of the Science Museum, for five years, and Mr A. R. Dufty, former Master of Armouries, Tower of London, for three years. They succeed Pro-fessor J. G. D. Clark, Sir David Follest and Professor W. F. Grimes

respectively. Dr Alexander Munn, of the Enropean department, medicine and environmental health Monsanu Ltd. to be president of the British Occupational Hygiene Society, in succession to Protessor Bryan Harvey.

The following to be members of the Agricultural Training Board for three years:

toe Agricultural Training Board for three years:

No 1. S. Larber, Mr. J. A. Davies, Mr. J. S. Larber, Mr. J. A. Davies, Mr. J. S. Larber, Mr. J. A. Parsons, Mr. J. S. Larber, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. J. S. Larber, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. J. S. Larber, Mr. J. S. Larber, Mr. J. M. Berkett, Mr. J. M. Berkett, Mr. J. M. Berkett, Mr. J. D. Paarson, Mr. R. P. Nocker, Representing trade interests, Mr. J. Mr. R. P. Nocker, Representing trade interests, Mr. S. Edwards, Mr. H. M. Jusoph, Mr. P. Kennp, Mr. J. G. Lamotte.

The Rev Peter Godfrey, minister of Upoper Chappel, Norfolk Street. of Upper Chapel. Norfolk Street, Sheffield, to be President of the

General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches from April 14.

Miss Margaret M. Balley, head of the music department, Lady Eleanor Holles School. Hampton, to be Headmistress of Portland House School, Leicester.

given by officers of the London Division, Royal Naval Reserve, at the Manslon House yesterday evening. The guests were received by the commanding officer, Commander P. S. Rees, and the ward-

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Alan Williams Minister of State at the Department of Indus-Britain and Ireland
The annual dinner of the Association of Singeons of Great
Britain and Ireland was held at
Grosvenor House, Park Lane, on
Thursday, March 31. The president, Mr Guy Blackburn, was in
the chair and the guest of honour,
Mr John Peyton, MP, proposed
the health of the association, to
which the president replied. try, was host yesterday at a luncheon at the Carlton Tower hotel in honour of the Regional Policy Committee of the EEC. Royal African Society

Royal African Society
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham were among
those present when Mr W. T. G.
Gates, chairman of the Royal
African Society, introduced Professor J. Di Fage, of Birmingham
University, at the inaugural
Iuncheon meeting of the West
Midlands branch of the society
held yesterday at Chamber of
Commerce House, Birmingham.
Mr G. H. Wilson was the guest
speaker.

Dinners

Baroness Lee of Asheridge Baroness Lee of Asberidge entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at dinner in the House of Lords last night. There were

Memorial service

Mr S. Idzikowski A memorial service for Mr Stanislas Idzikowski was held vesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev John Arrow-smith officiated. Dame Anna Neagle read the lesson and Mr Michael Somes cave an address and read a tribute by Mme Tamara Karsavina.

Windermere survey

A survey of tourism in and around Windermere is to start at Easter to enable future plans to be made with regard to facilities, boat licensing and registration, and possible zoning of the water surface.



Joan Balancell PROPLEOF LORD ANNAN NATURALIZED ANMALS. Victoria Britton LETTER FROM ALGERS

Norman Mass AMERICA'S ELEGAL IMMIGRANTS ROMAN GOLD AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM

A Christian strategy against decline and fall

By the Rt Rev R. P. C. Hanson that hour was not to range University of Manchester oneself among the criminal classes. a small general shop in Man-chester, trying to find some-thing to eat while I was wait-ing for help after my motorcy-cle had broken down. It was Having plenty of time to recie had broken down. It was mineri characteristics of the just after eight o'clock at late Roman Empire in the very night. The shop sold, among its last stages of its decline and other wares, cake and biscuits and chocolate. I tried to buy cy on the part of the state to cake and biscuits but was rold control (or rather to attempt that it was against the law for the shopkener to sell or for that it was against the law for the shopkeeper to sell or for of the lives of its oppressed me to buy cake or biscuits citizens. I began to wonder after 8 pm, but that I could buy chocolate without incurring a criminal charge. I tried for a long time to imagine what circumstances could noswhat circumstances could possibly justify so fatuous a law. decline found it impossible to but falled. I had to be content with the fact that the state had of bureaucracy in the service decreed that it was a criminal of the state. It could not avoid

Forthcoming -

Basing, Hampshire.

Dr H. J. Freeman and Miss P. M. Smeaton

The engagement is announced

between Hugh, younger son of Sir Ralph and Lady Freeman, of Limosfield Chart, Surrey, and Mex, only daughter of Dr zult Mrs A. M. Smeaton, of Old

Mr L. W. N. Camp and Miss C. J. C. Still The engagement is announced between Lucian, elder son of Mr

W. N. A. Camp and of Mrs Pairicia Camp, of Guildford, and Claudia, youngest daughter of the late Dr. Robert Still and of Mrs Robert Still, of Bucklebury Lodge,

between Juliun, eldest son of the Rev F. and Mrs Willford, of the

Rectory. Eardisley, Hereford, and Mary l'Estrange, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. St G. Cartwright, of

Tinto House, Hay-on-Wye, Here-

The Royal Anglian Regiment Princess Alice Duchess

Globcester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regi-ment, dined with officers of the

ment office with ornicers of the Stil (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, at the Depot, The Queen's Division, yesterday evening on the tenth auniversary of the formation of the battalion, The commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel J. Tadman, welcomed the guests.

The annual dinner of Exeter Flotilla was held last night in the

riobila was held last night in the officers' Mess, Commando Training Centre, Lympstone. Lieut-Commander W. G. Phillimore, RNR, chairman of the floilla, presided and the other speakers were Captain P. W. Greening, RN and Lieutenam J. T. Downes.

The Lord Mayor and the Lady

Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and Mrs A. Colin Cole, were among the principle guests at a jubilee ladies' night dinner given by officers of the London

The Ambassador of Indonesia and Sinus Subodo, the Ambassador of Morocco and Sinus Senousal and the chairman, Dr R. U. Hingorani.

Association of Surgeons of Great

Guild of Marketors

The Guild of Marketors held their annual dinner yesterday evening at Stationers' Hall. The Master, Mr W. R. Bowden, presided and the other speakers were the Middle Warden. Mr R. F. T. Edwards. Sir Ralph Perring and Admiral Sir John Hamilton.

dent of the Royal Society of Aledicine, presided at a dinner-held yesterday evening at 1 Wimpole Street in honour of Mr.

Wimpole Street in honour of Mr. R. T. Hewitt, executive director.

CORPUS CHRISTY COLLEGE: Research followships from Oct 1. E. J. Falconer

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Glasgow
The General Accident Fire and
Life Assurance Corporation is to
endow a senior lectureship in the
department of general practice.

Durham
Appointments.
The following to be chairmen of hoards of studies from October 1, for three years except where indi-

Professor P. Sunderland, anthrophlogy; Professor Rosemers J. Cramp, archeet-

Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, Presi Museum of London

Royal Society of Medicine

University news

Britain and Ireland

Guild of Marketors

Service dinners

The Exeter Flotilla

London Division RNR

Bucklebury, Berkshire.

Mr W. N. M. Jackson and Miss C. Z. Bermett

marriages

The Roman Empire in its

Mr J. J. Bartosik and Miss A. E. Warington Smyth

and dass A. E. Warmston Snlyin
The engagement is announced
hetween Jan, eldest sou of RearAdmiral J. C. Bartosik and Mrs
C. P. Bartosik, and Antonia,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney
Warington Smyth, of Pare Vean,
Flushing, Falmouth, Cornwall.

and Mrs R. E. M. Fortune
The engagement is announced
between Nicholas, son of Dr L.
R. Bromwich, of Sampford,
Arundel, Somerset, and Mrs
Loruz Bromwich, of Wimbledon,
and Rosemary, daughter of Mr
J. L. Walker, of Cruydon, and
the late Mrs Walker.

The engagement is announced between Robert James, son of the Rev R. J. and Mrs Findiay, of High Wycombe. and Christine Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Rees, of Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

The engagement is amounced between Gerassimos, elder sun of Mr and Mrs J. Molfetas, of Athens, Greece, and Turesa, elderdaughter of Mr and Mrs T. A. Mooney, of Hook, Hampshire.

and Mass V. G. Mactemata
The engagement is announced
between Anthony, only son of
Mr and Mrs A. W. B. Strachan,
of the British Embassy, Islamabad,
Pakistan, and Virginia, only
daughter of Mr and Mrs H. G. C.
Macdonald, of Cheam, Surrey.

room mess president, Commander

room mess president, Commander G. R. Beattie, who presided. Among others present were: The Prime Warden of the Fishmoners Company and the Hon Line Hugh Astor. Admiral Sir Terace Lewin, the Yarter of the Consent Convent and Laby For. Fag Officer Madwer and Mars C. W. Balan, the Marter of the Consent and Marker Marther's Causalty and Market and Capalty and Market Warwick and Capalty and Martine Warwick and Capalty C. P. O.

The Royal Corps of Naval Constructors held their annual dinner at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, last night. Mr R. J. Daniel, Director General Ships and

Daniel, Director General Ships and Head of the Corps, presided. The guests included Sir Frank Cooper. Permanent Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, heads of the British shipbullding industry and representatives of the Royal, Commonwealth and Allied Navies.

The thirtieth anniversary dinner of the Royal Air Force Rauceby Club was held at the Bath Club on Friday, April 1, 1977. Mr Alec Badenoch was in the chair and among those present were:

MIT Bentley, Dr Binns, Mr J. W. Cope, Dr J. D. Ebsworth Dr J. Hind, Dr B. H. Rudron, Lori Bunt of Faurley, Dr C. R. Jenkins, Dr E. C. Jewyshury, Dr M. Lingett, Air Vice-Marsh J. McNair, Dr R. Macpheson, Stronger General College, Mr Elliot Philipp, Mr J. O. Robinson, Mr T. B. Fussell and Air Vice-Marshal Stanbridge.

RAF pilots graduate

Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader, RAF: (retd), was the reviewing officer when pilots of No 14 course

graduated at No 1 Flying Training School, RAF Linton-on-Ouse, near

York, resterday.
The Eustace Broke Lorraine
Memorial Trophy for the best allround performance and the Fuller

round performance and the Fuller Trophy for proficiency in general flying were awarded to Pilot O.T.cer K. M. F. McAuliste. Melville College. The Playfair Trophy for the highest marks in ground subjects went to Filight Lieutenant A. G. Nockles, BSC, St Benedict's School, Ealing, and Sussex University. Graduating were: Filaht Lieutenants D. M. Curties, Durham Univ. A. G. Nockles, Pilot Office, J. K. Hichmongh, Cardinal Linear Lieutenants D. M. Curties, Durham Univ. A. G. Nockles, Pilot Office, J. K. Hichmongh, Cardinal Linear J. K. Hichmongh, Cardinal Linear S. M. F. McAuliffer A. E. Schutter, S. M. F. McAuliffer A. E. Schutten, Shagraat Co Sec S. M. J. Perfording Mills Mills Control of Mills M

The Museum of London will be open on Good Friday, Saturday, and on Easter Day, but closed on

Royal Corps of Naval

RAF Ranceby Club

Mr D. N. Bromwich and Mrs R. E. M. Fortune

Mr R. J. Findlay and Miss C. P. Rees

Mr G. S. M. Molfetas and Miss T. M. Mooney

Mr A. W. Strachan and Miss V. G. Macdonald

rather as declarations of malevolent intent than as laws. Finally, it could not cope with violence (threatening from outside not like our society from inside), which in the end destroyed it. In all these respects our society seemed to me to be alarmingly like the society of the Roman Empire in the last stages of decline.

have an oppressive and perva-sive feeling that it is, and I sense that this feeling is shared by many others, not all of them as old nor as traditionally educated as I. Things seem to get worse and worse; the public services become more inefficient as they become more expensive. We have been for 20 years living offence to buy cake and his imposing publicitively heavy taxahave been for 20 years living cuits after eight o'clock at tion upon the middle classes in a series of economic crises, night, but to buy chocolate at and lower classes. And it had a none of which we have solved,

country is increasingly losing stars or to some impersonal tinually, parallel with the rate made them free and wains of divorce. Inflation poses a them to have freedom: best of threat to our democracy which all, freedem in Christ. If pertages of decline.

has by no means been averted.
Is our society in decline? I Even doctors and nurses and teachers now use the weapon like the symptoms of a declin-

ing society.
What should Christians do in point is to defy determinism. We are under no iron laws of

passion for promulgating laws and we now seem to be run-forces which we cannot con-which it knew it could not ming into political crises, per real. The men of the ancient enforce, so that they ranked haps equally insoluble. Our world ascribed their lot to the influence in the world; we are fare. Today we opt for some impersonal becoming one of the sick men of Europe. Society appears to be heading for greater permissiveness, violence and anarchy. The crime rate rises confice persons, that all men are persons, because God has simulated and walks. Dr Milton Nunn Brollette sizing him as one of the world's the American geologist whose foremost students of earth his international reputation great they, specializing in remains of from the evidence of cological life in ancient seas. "He enhanced and early life which he abled us to read with great gathered from the cean hed, precision the time clocks ended on March 30 it the age tombed in seet and thereby to of 80. sons are free then society is free; neither economic nor historical nor social forces can of the strike. All this looks completely determine it. We can become what we want to become. As long as there are What should Christians do in a society which appears to be believe in moral freedom, and declining? The most important point is to defy determinism. With them and act with them thus far, society can never be

OBITUARY

DR MILYON BRAMLETTE

Ocean-bel life and geology

on three occasions since he connect the events of geologic

retired in 1961 as professor in history over the whole earth"

MR RAYMOND PLUMMER

The death of Mr Raymond ization of sporting and cultural Plumeer, FCA, at his home in competitions which have stimulated and developed latent moves a leading figure from the talents. Himself a useful dis-

boy club movement, and one tance runner, it was no unusual

war development programme of plete, the annual cross-country rise London Federation of Boys' course with his club boys; this Chbs. He was 66.

London Federation of Boys' course with his club boys; this he did until be was over 50.

Clibs. He was 66.

Rorn on August 7, 1910, son

Sidney and Hannah

Plummer, he was educated at Westminster School and Uni
Wards, first with Mr R. E.

versity College, Oxford. This Wagg and more recently with was in the late 1920s when the Lord Chelsea; here his experi-

influence of Basil Henriques ence in accountancy was most (himself inspired by Alec vseful (he had been arricled in Paterson and his book Between 1931 to Fuller, Wise and Fisher,

Plummer on coming down went tants, from which he retired, to live at the Oxford and Berin 1973, as a partner). He

triendship, loyalty to ideals and useful athletic prowess with young people less privileged.

Though he never lost interest in

Plummer gave much time privately, was very great.

MISS ELIZABETH MUNTZ

Miss Elizabeth Muntz, sculp- composition likely to be satis-

thing for him to run, and com-

wards, first with Mr R. E.

a city firm of chartered accoun-

in 1973, as a partner). He served the federation as chairman (1963-67), and vice-president since 1953. He was hono-

rary treasurer of the City Music Society and a lay member of

a genuine modesty, loyalty to

factory from one or two points of view only. Elizabeth Muniz proceeded on architectural principles, making drawings at successive levels in different

coloured pencils and adjusting one to the other until they were in harmonious relation-ship. With this method she com-bined a full measure of

anatomical truth. Not uncocurally her work appealed strongly in her day to architects: her

Hill stone, was shown at a special exhibition of "open air

of he architects of the post-

the Bridges) was strong, and

mondsey Clubs settlement in south London. Here he became

deeply immersed in boys' club

work, sharing a natural gift for

OBC, Plummer gave increasing

tor, painter and craftswoman, who died on March 30 at the age of 32, had lived for many

years in the Purbeck district of Dorset.

economics or history or the prey of uncontrollable society, though there is a powforces. While men and women erful temptation to assume believe in moral freedom, that we are in the grip of deckine need not lead to fall.

Kisling is sold for £6,000

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent The least important sale of the week devoted to Impressionist and modern paintings took place at Christic's yesterday and went better than all the rest in terms of items sold. The rotal was £57,650, with 10 per cent unsold. The top price was £5,000 (esti-mate £1,000 to £2,000) for Moise mate 11,000 to 12,000) for Moise Kisling's "Portrait de Jeune Fille à L'Echarpe Verte", of 1944.

Among the curiosities was a Eugene Lami watercolour of the Palace Hotel, Buxton Spa, Debyshire, built in 1868 by Henry Currey for the serenth Duky of Devoushire; it was bought by the present Duke of Devoushire for 11,000 (estimate 11,000 to 11500).

There were two fille, very

attention to his old school people as well as to ideals, and mission. Westminster House, a desire to share privilege. By which he helped to move from set high standards; and Vincent Square to new build-expected others to do the same: ings in Nunhead, a developing he condoned little but forgave area; he was honorary treasurer much. His generosity to charit-until his death. much of it given during more than 40 years to
developing the work of the
London Federation of Boys'
Clubs, not least in the organ-

and silver thread with flowers, birds and the crowned initials of Albert, Archduke of Austria and Affort, Arthuge of Susting and his king of the Netherlands, and his wife Isabela made 40,000 francs or £4,673. The book was Lanario's Le Guerre di Fiandra brevemente

At her first public appearance, in 1923 at the Warren Gallery, her "Reclining Torso" in yellow Mansfield stone, was bought for the Manchester City Art Gallery, It showed the in-fluence of Frank Dobson, RA, and was a curving, but it sugoak furditure and oriental rugs

Guild of Freemen of the City of London

At the annual general meeting of the Guild of Freeman of the City of London held at Tallow Chand-lers' Hall Mr Harold Gould was

more naturally a modeller for casting in bronze, and she afterwards produced many interesting things in bronze and other metals, netale. Her work had the couracter-

Roy Hay writes:

Euan Cox who died on March 26 at the age of 83, was one of those rare people whose whole life was wrapped up in plants. He lived in an era between the wars when plant hunters like Reginald Farrer, F. Kingdon Ward and others were still able to travel freely in Burma, Tibet, Nepal and other Far East 20nes. And he went with Farrer to Burma on the first part of Farrer's

journey. That was the time when our gardens were so greatly euriched by new rhododen-drons, primulas, meconopses

Captain William Power Carne, Navy in both World Wars and was Commodore Superintendert Contract Built Ships from 19:2 to 1957, died on March 29, le was made a CBE in 1955.

sculpture" held in Selfridge's roof garden for the benefit of architects. Her portraits, which were firmness of construction. Instead of construction, Included firmness of construction. Instead of constructions, with a bought by Bristol City Art the effect of elevations, with a MR EUAN COX and other lovely plants: Euan Cox was of my father's genera-tion and I remember well the

long evenings of plant talk when he came to my father's house. During those years he worked for Country Life, The Garden and founded The New Flora and Silva which the Second Wood War brought so abruptly, to an end: Through these publications

his enthusiasms and love of plans went forth to inspire many thousands of people to make heautiful sardens. His own garden ar Glendoick was. and stell is, a treasure house of three and beautiful plants and his son, Peter, is carrying it on.

Lady Bishop wife of Major-CBE, who served in the Royal General Sir Alec Bishop, died on March 27. She was Mary Patricia, daughter of Henry Corbett, and her marriage took place in 1926.

ST PAUL'S Bedford Street, Covent Garden: SE, 11.16, Rev J. Arruw-

Services tomorrow:

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ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Kalghtabenge: He. 3 and & Si, 11.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Pont Sireot: 11 Rev Dr J. Fraser McLustey: 6.30, St John Passion (Handel) CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church Scotland) Russel Street, Coyen en: 11.15. Admission of municipality; HC, 12.00; 6.30, Communication, ac. Land. 10.
THE ORATORY, SW: SM: 10.
Outer toni (Victoria) Blessing of
Palms, Passing Choruses (Luke)
Labours V & B 3.30 Mot. Very landing Victoria).
ASSUMPTION. Warretch St: SM: 11 Ret Or B. Johnson: 0.30, Kindel's Newson: 0.30, Key Or R. T Kendal.

VESILY'S CHAPEL, moeting at S. Martin's Lodgeto Hill: HC, 11, Rev Or C, S. Rodd.

Portrait by

present. Duke of Devonshire for 51,000 (estimate 51,000 to 51,500). There were two fine, very detailed drawings by Arthul Szyk. a Pollsh lew who escaped to the West just before the last war. They bring the horror lof the period to life; "Jewish risoners escorted by an SS guard" made 1950 (estimate 5200 to 500); and "Les Kulturtraeger en lologue" 5280 (estimate 5200 to 5300); a curious variation in brice for drawings of similar quality. Lauria-Guilloux, the Paris auctioneers, were also stragiling with the sale of modern pictures at the Palzis Galliera of Thursday night. A high proposition of lots were unsold and the top price was 65,000 francs, of 57,593, for Yuillard's "La dane rouge", a small interior.

Their sale of Of Master pictures and furnitue went much better, with a pai of Florentine views by Zocchi at 511,799.

At the Hotel Deuot, the centre for all but the most important Paris sales, Add et Picard were holding a book sale, with some high prices for the early bindings.

La Fontaine' Contes et Nouvelles en vers of 1762, with a superb contemorary binding a dentelle, made 48,000 francs or 55,607; another magnificent binding of relvet inbroidered in gold and silver thead with flowers, birds and the crowned initials of Albert, Arciduke of Austria and

Le Guerre at Floatra brevements nurrate of 1615.

At Sothby's Chancery Lane yesterday a book sale totalled \$11.934, with 5 par cent unsold. In Bond Street a routine sale of English

Piscio.

Rare silver: In a Phillips sale of English and Continental silver, which totalled £150,630, with 6

which totalled £150,680, with 6 per cent unsold, the top price was £,000, paid by Drager for an mrn by Dirk Westrik, of Amsterdam, of 1734. It is 134in high and weight 530z (estimate £5,000 to £,000).

A rare piece of Spanish silver, a lite sixteenth-century parcel-gilt jug, apparently unmarked and daing from about 1590-1600, was soul for £5,000 to S. J. Phillips (estimate £4,000).

A set of 12 George III dianer plates by Thomas Heming, 1769,

plates by Thomas Heming, 1769, vent to Partridge for £3,800 (ésti-nate £3,000). Heming was

vent to Partridge for £3,800 (estinate £3,000). Herning was
appointed principal goldsmith to
the King in 1760, and each plate
bears the royal motto and an
eorl's coronet.
£58,344 stamps: A two-day sale
of Commonwealth stamps which
ended yesterday at Stanley Gibbons Auctions totalled £58,344
(our Stamp Correspondent writes).
A mint 1924 Cyprus £5 made
£1.200 and a 1910 Rhodesia £1
roze-scarlet and bluish-black, in
fine unused condition, said for
£1,500. Bandy, Mr Charles Henry, of East Grinstead, dental surgeon £105,862 Collins, Sir William Alexander Roy, of St James's, London, pub-lisher £407,100 Gen. Mrs Edith, of St John's Wood £162,196 Langford, Lady, of Chelsea, wildow of fourth baron, un settled estate £109,293

The Duchess of Kent, Controller-Commandant of the Wond's Royal Army Corps, attends Scottish reunion of the WlAC Association. Edinburgh, 6.13. Charles Lamb Society, amusi general meeting, Mary Nard Centre. 9 Tristock Jace, Bloomsbury. 2.30. 1977 orchid congress of tritish Orchid Council Floral Hat. The Promeride. Southport. 10-5. Deliv Med Livel Floral Hat.

installed as Master for the ensuing year and Mr K. A. Honey. Mr Anthony Graint, MP, Dr.P. L. Hogg and Mr J. E. Harvey as Wardens.

Sunday next before Exhibition: Japanese painings and prints. British Museum, 2,30.6. Easter Echibition: Seventy-five years of British submarines, National Minime Museum, Greenwich,

Fig. 10.30. Canob Evan Pilkington. Biosing and distribution of Paris. Ben (15.45cm in 61. July (Standard in 61 RUYAL KUUN. RUYAL KUUL COELIGE CHAPEL. RUYAL KUUL Welcound): HC. Rusal: Yarkin (Communico, II. Rev J.

foremost students of earth his-toremost students of earth his-thry, specializing in remains of life in ancient seas. "He en-abled us to read with great precision the time clocks en-tombed in sediments deposited retired in 1961 as professor in history over the whole earth", the geology facult in the University of California at Los Angeles and Sal Diego, Dr. Bramlette who then became rology and petroleum geology professor enerities) was singled out for special himours. In 1963 he received he Distinguished Service Medaliof the US Department of the interior for his studies of transpentic deep sea cores which, it the official citation, "led to the first transform Yale. Between two long partment of the difficulty for his studies of transaction for the official citation, "led to the first transoceanic correlation of glacial deposits"; and also for researches which led to the discovery of major sources of altiminium ore.

Secondly, in 1964, the National Academy of Sciences awarded Academy o Sciences awarded
Dr Bramlete the prized Thompson Medal/ Finally, in 1965, his own university conferred on him years ago, and he leaves a an honorty doctorate, recog-

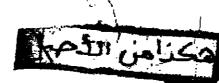
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REFORMENG THE TAX SYSTEM

sising a natural substance which it is hoped may lead to the prevention of heart attacks and strokes in people with atheroscierosis. The compound, prostacytlin, synthesized in America by the group headed by Dr. U. F. Area, of the Upjohn Company, is thought to protect human beings from the formation of blood clots inside healthy blood vessels.

The blood vessels.

The blood system has to main-nain a balance between the clotting required to prevent bleeding from injuries and the normal flow through heafthy vessels. Blood cells known as plateless contain enzymes that manufacture com-

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The Matthew Trust, a charitable or anization has been launched in help distharged prisoners and former mental-nospital patients. The trust, founded by Mr Peter Thumpson, a former patient at Broadmoor, will try to help smiler people to readapt to society, and provide professional advice on employment and accommodation. It is based at 83 Bedford Piece, Bloomshury Supare, London, WCI Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1

the 11 bishops.

Help for prisoners

Science report

Pharmacology: Heart-attack prevention Chamlets have succeeded in synthe- pourtle called prostaglandin ando-

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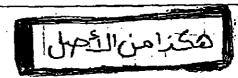
and shape which will perform the same biological role and at the same time be stable enough to persist in the body. Those compounds should have important therespense opplications. By Nature-Times News Service.

the streets and to put buses in their place by July 6. The com-pletion of the replacement had been planned originally for next din endoperoxides into prostacyc-lin with consequent clot formation October. All trams north of the Thomes, except those on the Embankment, will be replaced by This can simulate the clothing mechanism by the aggregation of blood platelets and constriction of blood vessels.

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Embankment, will be replaced by buses during the coming weekend and the Kingsvay Tunnel will be closed. The final group of trams to be taken off the road on the areas which they was are: 40. Flowstead and Embankment: 44, Woolwich and Embankment: 45, Woolwich and City: 26, 28, Mich and Embankment: 36, Woolwich and Embankment: After July 330 miles of sam routes and more than 300 trams will have been replaced in 21 months and nearly 2,000 tram then will have been trained as bus drivers

ments.



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Carter energy programme calls for tough action to reduce oil use

Washington, April 1 .- President Carter's comprehensive energy programme, to be announced on April 20, will comain proposals that are likely to bring big changes in American living styles. The measures are designed to bring about a decline in American demand

decine in American demand for foreign oil.

The broad basis of the Presi-dent's programme is being clarified by White House offi-cials in talks with politicians, and reporters. Crucial decisions dealing with the size of govern-ment subsidies and implementa-tion of several energy schemes need substances and implementa-tion of several energy schemes have still to be decided by President Carter. Proposals will seek to

increase domestic coal output to more than 1,000 million tons a year by 1985 from the present level of about 655 million tons These proposals will probably include a temporary suspension of some environmental standards in order to give a spur to strip mining operations. In addition, a scheme is under consideration that would

force companies now using natural gas to switch to coal. Dr James Schlesinger, the by Allers part of the President's special assistant for energy affairs, is considering a dent's programme will consist number of tax proposals that of energy conservation prowill provide financial relief to posals, some of which will involve mandatory requirements. Dr James Schlesinger, the In addition, the Administra-tion intends to make coal much more popular by ensuring that neal energy sources become more expensive. A plan for the phased decontrol of natural gas prices will probably lead to gas becoming the most expensive of all fuels here within five or six

years. The phased decontrol of will ensure that decontrol is implemented over a lengthy this context, period of time. The view at the Mr Carter has still to decide White House is that too sudden whether or not to favour a large. solar energy research. Funds conservation areas.

NIII also be made available to . Also under consideration is a nology likely to produce early cars, that have high petrol results, either through produc- consumption. ing other forms of energy or



Dr James Schlesinger: considering tax aids for energy

increasing to 500 million barrels

sidies from the Government to example is a scheme that will major power plants are also force all homeowners to endering weighed in this context sure that their has a scheme that an addition the Addit insulated up to standards set by the federal government. Payment for this insulation might be through local utility companies and some tax deductions may be allowed individuals partly to offset insulation expenses.

The mandatory home insulation proposals will also be ex-tended to companies, where a series of specific insulation American oil prices is also series of specific insulation concemplated. A decision has standards are to be issued by been taken, it is believed, that the Government. Some tax relief may be offered to companies in

price decontrol would have too "general petrol tax. He is said much of an inflationary effect. to be opposed to this, although The President's plans will he may advocate it if oppo-provide government funds for sition in Congress is seen to an accelerated programme of be too strong in some other

The Administration does not aiding conservation. Nuclear intend to modify the tough laws reactor programmes are to be compelling car makers to prolowed. duce more fuel efficient models. The programme will call for The companies are being rethe establishment of a 250 quired to produce cars with milion barrel strategic oil average consumption of 27 reserve by the end of next year miles per gallon by 1985.

American economic growth predicted to rise by 4pc

From Our United States Economics Correspondent Washington, April 1

The pace of economic growth in the United States is now quickening, according to private and government economists. Real gross national product is widely seen as rising by 4 per cent at an annual rate in the

current quarter.
Unemployment figures for March, released by the Department ment of Labour today, add strength to economic forecasts. The total of people out of work declined to 7.3 per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis last month from February's 7.5 per

The Deparment noted that the high rate in February was largely due to abhormally cold weather. The decline in March showed that the ill-effects on employment of the bad weather were only temporary.

Mrs Juanita Kreps, Secretary of Commerce, told a business conference that the bad weather probably boosted the first quarter's inflation rate by about one half of 1 per centage point, alone ma while it probably cut the real per cent.

gup rate by around 1.5 per cent on an annual basis. Current estimates, she said, suggest real growth this quarter "will lie about halfway between the weak 2.6 per cent annual rate of last year's fourth quarter and the roughly 6 per

cent rate we hope—and expect—to achieve during the remainder of the year."

Private economists hold very similar views to those now being outlined by the Government's experts. Mr Alan Murray, and the content of Ciribank is ment's experts. Markain multay, a vice-president at Citibank, is also predicting a real annual gnp growth rate this quarter of about 4 per cent, while the latest Wharton School econometric forecast sees an advance of 3.76 per cent.

A substantial gain in total American employment is ex-pected this year, with the Wharton School forecasting a possible rise of 3 per cent for example. However, most economists doubt if there will be a sharp decline in the total number of jobless because of further substantial growth in the labour force, which this year alone may be more than 2.5 per cent

by three Nordic block countries

Brussels, April 1.-Sweden, Norway and Denmark, in a snap move tonight devalued their currencies against the other members of the European joint float, or "snake", it was an-

Mr Willy de Clerch, Belgian
Finance Minister, told a press
conference that a meeting of
"snake" ministers here had agreed to a 6 per cent devalua-tion of the Swedish Crown and 3 per cent devaluations of the Norwegian and Danish crowns.

The exchange rates of the other "snake" currencies—the Deutschmark, Dutch guilder and Belgian and Luxembourg francs

-remain unchanged, Mr de Clerco seid. The develuations are effective from next Manday. Mr de Clercu, who chaired the meeting, said the Scandi-navian countries had decided to devalue mainly for balance of payments reasons. Despite the changes in their exchange rates the three countries will remain in the "snake" system.

The joint float is a European Community mechanism, but Norway and Sweden are associate, members of the "snake". News of the devaluations came after European foreign exchange markets had closed, but trading halted temporarily in New York as dealers

MLR move keeps bill rate in line

assessed the impact.

By John Whitmore Financial Correspondent

The Bank of England's ploy of setting the minimum lending rate at 91 per cent on Thursday just succeeded in keeping the weekly Treasury bill tender in line with its wishes yesterday. But it did not prevent Treasury bills trading in the market at rates envisaging a further cut in MLR before Easter.

In setting MLR at 9! per cent

on Thursday, the Bank was aiming to keep the average rate of allotment at the weekly Treasury bill tender in the Treasury bill tender in the range 8.751 to 9 per cent.
The average rate of allotment

was in fact 8.7643 per cent-more than half a per cent down on the previous Friday—and the market-related formula for setting MLR was automatically reactivated.

In subsequent trading, however, three-month bills were into tech-plan for a special tax on large changing hands at prices duce early cars that have high petrol equivalent to a rate of less than 8; per cent-and a rate which, if mantained through to next week's tender, would point to a cu: of a further 1 per cent in

Other interests rates also eased further yesterday. Rates in both the three and six month inter-bank markets continued to slip with rates in both cases havering only just above the 9 per cent level.

Equities sufferanother bout of profit-taking By David Mott

The stock market in London ended the week on a low note as both equities and gilts were hit by another round of profittaking.

The FT ordinary share index closed another 6.9 lower at 412.5, leaving it 5.6 down over what has been an eventful-week. Gilts lost up to 51. The problem for the equity market is lack of short-term incentive now that interest rates are likely to be pegged at their present level for some time. In the gilt-edged market the prospect of floating-rate bonds and the new short "tap" gave an early boost to the long dates. But the buying was not sufficient to counteract profit-

"Shorts" were lowered by half a point, even though some late briving lifted prices off the bottom. Application lists for the new short "tap" open on Wednesday and there is expected to be a heavy subscription.

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The Times index: 169.49-2.75 The FT index: 412.5-6.9

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Devaluation | American trade restrictions a special case, President says

Protectionist fears over shoe curbs

Economics Correspondent Washington, April 1 President Carter today took

a tough protectionist stand in deciding the first major inter-national trade issue that he has had to deal with. His decision may lead foreign governments to question the degree to which he is committed to world trade libaralization.

President Carter said he has decided to grant import relicf to the American shoe industry. I am very reluctant to restant international trade in any way." he said and added that "only problems as extreme as those faced by the American shot industry could force me to seek even modest mandatory limits on imports".

Mr Robert Strauss, United States special representative for trade negotiations, went to considerable lengths at a White House conference to stress that today's decision should not be seen as any sort of signal to foreign governments on Ameri-can trade policies. He re-

peatedly stated that the shoo facilities and the financing to case was a very special one. The President said that he has ordered Mr Strauss to start negotiations immediately with those countries that are the prime shoe exporters to prime shoe exporters to America with the aim of reach-

Mr Strauss said that in these negotiations he would "very definitely," seek to reduce shoe import levels.

The negotiations must be completed within 90 days and they will primarily involve Taiwan and South Korea. The future of these negotiations could lead President Catter to impose tough quotas and high tariffs on shoe imports.

on shoe imports. President Carter noted in a comment clearly designed to assuage foreign fears of increasing protectionism that "over the long haul the solution to difficulties in the shocindustry lies not in the restriction of imports but elsewhere in innovation and modernization of our own production

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Mr Strauss pointed out that
shee imports have more than
doubled to nearly 190 million
pairs from Taiwan in the last
two years, while they have in-

creased from 9 million to more ing orderly marketing agreethan 40 million pairs South Korea in this period. Mr Strauss said that in these He noted that without govern-ment action there would be further large shoe import gains this year. The value of Ameri-can shoe imports is about

\$1,500m (£882m) a year. President Carter pointed out that because of foreign competi-tion the number of American shoe manufacturing companies has fallen by 40 per cent to 380 firms since 1968, while employment in the industry has declined by 70,000.

He decided to reject a proposal to impose special trade quotas now, in favour of seek-

this Administration may take toward other United States industries seeking protection, the President said he would propose legislation in the next three months that would pro-vide government assistance to the shoe industry here.

Today's decision might raise fears that foreign countries may retalize by imposing trade restrictions of their own. Restrictions on shoe imports and on television set imports, which is another matter the President must shortly decide, are widely the Administration's foreign trade policies.

A typical and worrying view

what presidential decisions favouring restrictions could produce was reservly noted by Mr Harold van Cleveland, a prom-inent New York banker, a vicepresident of Citibank, who said that by imposing restrictions the ing negotiated orderly marketing agreements.

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Crash kills broker in £2m Milan scandal

A Milen stockbroker died last night in a motorusy cras i a few rougs after being declared insolvent with debts of £1.66m.

1.66m. The Milan Bourse was shaken by the autouncement yesterday of liquidation proceedings against Signer Ignazio Federico di Giorgi, 68, the dead men-and Commissioner Giucoppe

Cappelletti, who were found to be unable to cover accounts totalling figure.

Signer Cappelletti has disappeared, as have his documents and accounts.

The liquidation has raised The liquidation has raised once again questions about the efficacy of Consob, the Stock Exchange Couroi Commission

wiich was ser, wo objut tho yanes ego to prevent such coses. Signor of Georgi ha; bear secumulating shares mainly in Trems—a company which owns the Milan resecutive and runs the bookmaking activities there—apparently with the intention of reselling them.

Press reports suggested that the would-be buyer was Alain Delon, the French film star and businessman, but Enurse sources said it was more likelythat Signor di Giorgi hoped to sell them to Trenno's existing mujerity sharefulgers.

These are tense times for Treme. Its chairman, Signor Vittorio di Canua was kid-narped on March 6 and is being beld for ransom. Signor di Gergi had accumu-

lated more seen 40, per cent of the Trenne shares but got into difficulties when the company decided to increase capital, and the price of its shares plummeted on the clock exchange. The final blow came when the banks backing him with-

drew their support.
Other operations by Signor di Giorgi involved Morditalia and Coscami sheres. Doubts about his activities

been empressed by the stockbrokers on micro commis-tee to Consob, but the Control Commission took no action. The case had proused further

criticism of Consol. It has frequently been charged with excessive prudence, as well as lucking both the manpower and the legal "teeth" to do its job properly.
Signor Goetano Stanimati, the

Treasury Minister, has our mised to submit a bill to Parliament by the end of April to reform Cousob. Patricia Clough

US charterer rejects Bill tabled to renew price controls policy

A Price Commission Bill, the enabling legislation for the Governments new price contrals policy, was introduced into the House of Commons yesterday by Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection. Details of the Bill will be published on Monday.

Monday. has been drafted, renewing the life of the Price Commission beyond July 31. The commis-sion is then expected to get new powers to investigate pro-posed price increases.

During investigations the

price under review will be frozen for between three and five months, and in certain circumstances the freeze could be

extended to last a year.

Mr Hattersley has already rejected a plea by the Confederation of British Industry to give the Bill a life of only one year, thus pairing it with the next phase of incomes policy, instead of giving it an indefinite life. Mr Hattersley has made some of the CBI and the Retail Consortium. Profit margin controls, to be dealt with by secondary investigation—again legislation, will not have an a safeguard formula.

indefinitive life and may be Paperwork for pre-nonfying companies will be reduced. There will be a right of appeal -for companies involved in inves-ngarious.

The Bill will also place a duty. consumer Protection. Details on the Government to draw up on the Bill will be published on Safeguards to protect companies from being damaged commer. A comparatively simple Bill cially during a price investigation. How this will be done is still the subject of discussion. Mr Heatersley originally protected to get posed that there should be a first the commerciant investigate and the subject of discussion. guard levels below which profit margins should not be de-pressed. The CBI wants the safeguards

to act as "trip wires" to define the profit performance point below which companies could be sure of not being investigated. It regards the continuathe present price code as a minimum for the new safe-guards, but so far Mr Hattersley has favoured a more flexible approach.

Another issue is whether Mr Hattersley will be prepared to give companies the right to interim price rises during an investigation—again relying on

£23m Clyde drill ship the Clyde for £23m, the most Lithgow's manazing director, advanced oil exploration ship in last night blamed the holdup

night by her American charter- struction, ers only days before she ers only days before she Scott Lithgow is the only was due to sail on her first British shipparit which has deoperation.

The ship now lies in the Clyde with her crew aboardready to sail but with nowhere dispute between her the British-registered owners,

Ben Odeco Company, and her prospective charterers Chevron/Overseas International, is to go to arbitration in London A Ben Odeco spokesman said he did not know why the Americans would not accept the shipbut it was understood that Chevron was concerned because the ship was delivered three months late. The company had planned to prove her fully before taking her to Greenland for drilling operations.

The ship, built at the Scott Lingov yard on the Lower Clydy, is designed to drill wells anchors for three months at a

She was expected to be in service by late 1976.

world was rejected last on design changes during con-

veloped the technology to build this type of ship, It is building a similar one for a United States Norwegian consortium and is looking for

more orders. The achievement

is regarded as giving a great boost to Britain's drive to export its offshore technology and empertise. A statement from Ben Odeco said simply that the Ben Ocean Lancer had been accepted from

tendered to Chevron.
It went on: "However, a disreferred to arbitration in Lon-

A spokesman for the company explained: "We have a con-tract with Chevron for them to take the ship and to go off drilling. We have completed our part of the contract by prein water depths of 3,000ft while our part of the contract by pre-remaining over the site withour senting the ship, but they have not accepted the slup. He said that by arbitration his company meant some type

Argentine bid for Falkland Islands Company appears to be doomed any Argentine takeover either Britain yet with a staunchly

Attempts by Argentine business interests to buy the Falkland Islands Company, which is all-important to the islanders' walfare, from its British owner, the quoted Charrington Industrial Holdings, now look doomed.

Political and diplomatic difficulties over any deal are im-mense and although Charrington could be a willing seller of the Falkland Islands Government the right price, it is determined to keep faith with the islanders and the authorities.

In any case the British Government has set itself against—

In any case the British Government would not support such a move."

But the Shackleton report on the islands, 7,500 miles from

of the island or the land on the island owned by the Falklands Islands Company, without the agreement of the islanders. Answering a question in the Commons earlier this week, Mr Rowlands, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said: "No land can be alieniated on the Falkland Islands without the permission of the Falkland Islands Govern-

pro-British population of 1,900, concluded that economic operation with Argentina would provide the best future. So, although any immediate

takeover of the Falkland Islands Company by Argentine interests is not constitutionally possible some deal to share development with Argentine business inter-ests may still be worked out.

The mere fact that Charring-ton has had an approach through Banque Occidentale, a subsidiary of Sir James Gold-smith General Occidentale group, is confirmation that

interested. with Argentina over the sale have taken place and this is strictly true. It is understood the approach was made by Banque Occidentale for an un-

named client, and Charrington

refused to enter into negotia-

tious on that basis. But as Senor Hector, Fran., Year. cisco Capozzolo, an Argentine businessman, whose interest bought the former properties of Boyril Argentina from Char-rington, has said, he was nego-tiating to buy FIC, it seems likely that he was behind

Argentine sources have been Banque Occidentale's approach. terested. The Falklands company, Charrington denies that talks which Charrington bought as part of Mr Michael Buckley's investment vehicle Dunder. Perth and London Securities. made a trading profit of \$82,000 to March, 1976, when wool prices were low, but £375,000 in better conditions the previous

> The company, which is involved in sheep trading and supplying the accounts for about 45, per cent of the islands' gross national product.

In brief

Electricians defy union in Port Talbot strike

from their own union repre-sentative, who has urged an immediate return to work.

At a mass meeting the 560 electricians passed a vote of no confidence in Mr Bernard Clarke, area executive council lor for the Electrical, Elec-tronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union. The first lay-offs began yes-

terday as management pre-pared to shut down the works by Sunday morning, making more than 8,000 idle. Only the 4,000 white-collar staff and safety-men will go in on Mon-

day.
The strike will cost more
then £1m & day. Mr. Wyn
Beran, EETPU works convener and strikers' spokesman, said the men would stay out until management recognized their

Nigeria raises duties and bans car imports

Nigeria has banned the import of all cars with engine capacity of above 2,500 cc and increased duty on imported liquor by 50 per cent, Lagos Radio said in a broadcast moni-

Radio said in a broadcast monitored in London yesterday.

The country also raised duty on several imported goods which compete with domestic production but reduced or eliminated duties on a wide range of raw materials, the broadcast said. The import of many items, including canned beer, soft drinks, furniture and matches will be governed by matches, will be governed by

World Bank aids Kenya International Finance Corporation, part of the World Bank, is providing \$2m (about £1.2m) a one-third stake in a company to aid financial and advisory set up by the Government to services to small and medium study a North Sea gas gathering scale private enterprises in pipeline network.

Electricians on strike at the Keny. It is the first scheme of crippled Port Talbot steelworks its kind and will serve as an yesterday replied to criticism experiment to determine the experiment to determine the effect of the provision of such finance in a developing country. Faulkner post

Mr Kenneth Cork yesterday handed over the chairmanship of the Government's £50m Northern Ireland Development Agency to Mr Denis Faulkner, brother of the former Ulster Premier killed in a hunting accident last month. Mr Cork, senior partner in Cork Gulley & Company, had been chairman of the NIDA and its pre-decessor, the Northern Ireland Finance Corporation, since 1974. He is to continue his association with the agency as an honorary consultant. Mr Faulkner was appointed vicechairman a year ago.

Union seeks CU talks The Association of Scientific, chnical and Managerial Staffs has called for an early meeting with the Commercial Union Assurance to negotiate bargaining rights after a certificate of independence to the Commercial Union Group Staff Association was refused.

Two hotels sold for £4m According to reports from Toronto yesterday the purchase price by the ITT subsidiary, price by the ITT subsidiary, Sheraton Hotels of Boston, for the Skyline Heathrow Hotel and the Park Tower Hotel in London has been agreed at \$7m (about £4m). The hotels are owned by the Canadian Skyline Hotels company.

Gas pipeline study

British Petroleum, Imperial Chemical Industries, Rio Tinto-Zinc, Total and Elf are to take

Ashland Oil buys £46m Thistle stake By Roger Vielvoye

Energy Correspondent Ashland Oil, a Kentucky-based oil company, is expanding its interest in the North Sea by paying \$78.8m (£46m) for a 5.43 per cent stake in the Thistle oil field, north-east of the Shetlands.

the Shetlands.

It will be acquiring the stake from another American company, Santa Fe International, which holds a 21.7 per cent interest in the field, which is due to begin producing oil towards the end of next year.

Ashland end protection that Ashland said yesterday that the deal was subject to approval by Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, and clearances by ther government agencies. Mr Orin E. Atkins, chairman and chief executive of Ashland,

said Ashland would reimburse Santa Fe for one quarter of its development costs from yesterday until the transaction was complete. The field is expected to prothe field is expected to produce a maximum of 220,000 barrels of oil a day through direct loading into tankers initially. Once the Brent pipeline system into Shetland is complete, tanker operations will be discontinued.

The deal is one of a number of changes in ownership that have taken place in the Thistle group. Last year the British National Oil Corporation paid 187m for 65 per cent of Burmah Oil's 22 per cent interest in the field and for a 95 per cent interest in Burmah Oil Development, the operating company.

Japan's reserves up Japan's foreign reserves last month rose \$174m to \$16,997m. This is the highest total since March, 1973, when reserves totalled \$18,125m before falling to \$16,834m in April, 1973. In February, the reserves stood at \$16,823m up \$343m from January when reserves fell by \$124m.

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New funds for the US and Japan

Surinvest, the unit trust and investment management group, is one of the United Kingdom pioneers of index-linked fundsa concept that has become increasingly fashionable in the United States.

Last year it launched its American Index unit trust and was manager to Oceanic's More recently, in 1975, United Kingdom Index Fund, David Hopkinson, one of the This week it unveiled the Japanese Index Trust, which will invest in 34 major Japanand sector representation to match as nearly as possible the certed City action over the performance of the Japanese stock market.

The main plank in Surinvest's argument for index linking as opposed to a conventional management approach is that none of the unit trusts specializing in the Far East or Japan managed to beat the Tokyo index after allowing for the fall in sterling and the rise in the investment currency premium over the past five years. So the figures demonstrate not so much the virtues of index linking as the importance of the method used to fund overseas

Over the five-year period Over the inveyear period three major funds rose by an average of 102 per cent as against a rise of 92 per cent in the Tokyo index. But adding in currency gains and the premium brings the latter figure to an equivalent 253 per cent for a United Kingdom resident. Surinvest has therefore opted to invest with yens bought

invest with yens bought ough the investment currency market rather than by overseas borrowings.

Obviously a fund that adopted this approach over the past few years would have substantially outperformed the Japanese market merely on the basis of the weakness of sterling. Surinvest is taking the view that sterling is unlikely to stage any sustained recovery. If it did, there would be a disadvantage in investing through the pre-

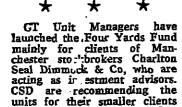
Investors should be aware, that the currency aspect might well overshadow (for better or for worse) the index matching investment policy. Minimum investment in Surinvest's investment in Surinvest Japanese Index Trust is £500.

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Chieftian, the new unit trust group launched last September is equally concerned about the risks of financing overseas investment by borrowings. It is splitting the portfolio for its new American Trust in roughly

upturn in the United States economy this year. Chieftain American Trust will restrict its portfolio to about 40 shares, with the largest slice, 17.8 per cent, to be invested in energy and natural resource stocks. The minimum holding is £250.

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who may participate through a share exchange scheme. The minimum holding is £250 The new fund is designed to provide growing income and protection of capital. Investment policy is! flexible. The portfolio is split between United Kingdom and overseas equities, gilts and cash, the aim being o provide a diversified invest nent on traditional unit trust Unit trusts

M&G chief takes the chair

It must seem ironic to many in the City that the chairmanship of the Unit Trust Association, whose members control, at the last count around £2,700m of investors' funds, should have devolved upon M & G's Edgar

Palamountain.
For M & G, founder of the United Kingdom's unit trust movement back in the 1930s. has often preferred to paddle its own cance in matters where the rest of the industry were inclined to present a common front through the UTA M & G did not even join the association until five years ago.

more hawkish representatives on the industry's investment protection committee (IPC) resigned his position as chairese companies selected by size | man because of the frustrations of attempting to stimulate con-

> M & G still tends to steer its own course. A few weeks ago, when representatives from the unit trusts met Sir Hugh Fraser, then chairman and main share holder in Suits, M & G arranged its own private consultation.

> But Mr Palamountain, who this week settles into a twoyear tenure as chairman of the UTA, describes M & G's rela-

UTA, describes M & G's relationship with the rest of the industry these days as "very happy, very united".
A spry 58-year-old much given to pacing the floor when explaining a point, Mr Palamountain first joined M & G 19 years ago, rising to managing director and deputy chair-man. He is also chairman of the executive of the Wider Share Ownership Council, a platform that gives him ample scope to expound his highly political views on the economic and in-

vestment scene.
As chairman of the Unit Trust Association his top priority, as was his predecessor's, is the restructuring of the industry's fees. Although negotiations with the Department of Trade appear to have dragged on for ages now, Mr Palamountain feels there is a particular urgency that was not so apparent in previous years. He is concerned that some

unit trust companies will be soon in trouble" on the current fee basis. Stockmarkets have been performing badly and asser values have not risen sufficiently to enable fees to keep pace with inflation in management costs. There have already been



Mr Edgar Palamountain: "Institutional involvement with companies is an unresolved and never to be resolved conflict."

small but embarrassing casualsman, but embatrassing casuar-ties among the fund manage-ment companies, although the links that many groups have with merchant banks has, he feels, camouflaged the difficul-

Management companies, he believes, should be viable enterprises in their own right, and this he claims is well nigh impossible on the current scale of charges.

He is anxious that the new fee structure should enable groups to be profitable with their existing amount of funds, rather than relying, as he believes many are now doing, on the loading in initial charges on new investment to save them from going into the red on their operations. The UTA is proposing a new

as against the current 132 per in more ways than can be satiscent over 20 years. In addition fied by the requirements of Mr Palamountain is determined good fund management alone". to pursue the matter of charg- Mr Simon went on to say that ing auditors and trustee fees the association should ensure unitholders rather than to the management company. He argues that, as a point of principle, the unitholders should pay for these services which are, after all, for their own

Most of the unit trust industry will be happy with this, but Mr Palamountain's thinking on some broader issues appear curiously at variance with the view of others prominent in the Earlier this week the outgoing

protection.

UTA chairman Tim Simon, chairman of Target declared:
"We also believe that the unit trust industry, in common with structure consisting of an initial other institutions, should recognizing management, premium of 5 per cent plus an nize its responsibility of caring He categorically does not annual charge of \(\frac{1}{2} \) per cent for the interests of its investors believe that the unit trust

Mr Simon went on to say that that "the British investors' interests on a broad range of

issues should not go unheard". Mr Palamountain is significantly less enthusiastic about the capacity of the unit trust industry to stimulate sluggish or stubborn companies. He believes that the first duty of managers is to the funds entrusted to them. If they do not like the way a company is behaving they should, in most circumstances, sell the shares. Only if the company is so small and the shareholding is so significant should there by any question of the institutions remaining as holders and influ-

Budget: taxation

movement can hold itself out as

the saviour of the small inves-

tor, as many commentators would have it do. The whole

problem of institutional involve-

ment with companies, he de-clares, is an "unresolved and

never to be resolved conflict ".

have neither the time nor the

capacity to manage, therefore they should think very care-fully about opposing incum-

He is conscious of the fact that recent City upheavals have not shown institutional initiative in a particularly potent light. Sir Hugh Fraser,

for instance, having been con-fronted by the IPCs delivered not so much of a slap in the

face, more of a knockout punch by them selling out to Lourho. This may be all rather dif-

ferent from the knight in shin-

ing armour approach favoured

dustry, but it does have the virtue of being realistic. He is

aware that what suits the institutions may not necessarily suit the private shareholder at

He cites the case of Lourho

bent managements.

Ultimately the institutions

SEPARATE TAXATION OF WIFE'S EARNINGS-1977/78

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Tex saving under separate taxetion £34. Wife's earned income allowance.

Strategy changes may be needed

as a prime example of a com-pany whose management is Assuming that the Chancellor on the deductions for personal regarded with suspicion by most City institutions. Yet it is of the Exchequer gets his satisa fact, he declares that if factory pay deal the basic rate management were altered the of tax will be reduced from 35 company would probably do less well for its shareholders. per cent to 33 per cent in 1977-78. Although the thresholds of Although unwilling for the UTA to shoulder any moral commitment to the investing the rate bands will increase, the higher rates themselves will republic at large Mr Palamoun-tain is obviously concerned for main unchanged, so once a per-son's taxable income exceeds the investment protection com-mittee to do what limited £6,000 the first jump in the tax rate will be from 33 per cent amount it can to reconcile the to 40 per cent.

It is taxable income that

within the basic rate band.

minder that since the change-

over to the unified system, life

insurance premiums have not

been regarded as a personal

of the basic rate times the pre-

the relief will be 16; per cent

instead of the present 171 per

it means not being able to meet

The increase in the single

person's allowance (from £735

ance (from £1,085 to £1,225)

Married couples who in the past have claimed for the sepa-

no longer advantageous to continue to do so. The levels of income at which it will be beneficial for 1977/78 will depend

cent.

concerned.

often conflicting demands of members and present a united This difference of 7 per cent front on some issues. in the lower rates is not the He is very much in favour of strengthening the concept of largest in the short history of our unified system of personal non executive directors as watchdogs for all shareholders, taxation. When it first came although he admits that events in some of the City's more notorious fiefdons have exposed into being in 1973-74 the basic rate was 30 per cent and the next rate jumped 10 per cent to 40 per cent.

its shortcomings.

But although institutional shareholders have recently found themselves in unwilling receipt of a number of well aimed custard tarts. Mr Palamountain, maintains, comfortingly that the insectment Nevertheless a seven points difference might give some taxpayers, hovering between 33 per cent and 40 per cent, reason to pause and consider whether fortingly, that the investment protection committees will con-tinue to "do more good than some action should be taken to ensure that they keep themselves within the confines of the basic rate.

Margaret Drummond

allowances and outgoings, and the respective earnings of the The illustration in the table

gives a guideline. Assuming that that total income consists of £7,000 earned by the husband and £3,000 earned by the wife, and that they have no deductions other than the basic personnel allowances where is a property of the property of t sound allowances, there is a transaving from assessment of only f34. If there was a mortgace, for example, it would be best not to claim. However, there is plenty of time to think about it, the deadline for we derived a facility here. of a claim being April 5, 1979. Turning to the investment in-

come surcharge, the thresholds have been increesed resulting in a small tax saving. For these under 65 years of age the starting point is raised from £1,000 in excess of £1,500 is taxed at 10 per cent and the excess over £2,000 is taxed at 15 per cent. The maximum saving is £50 The maximum saving is £50.

The over 65s have a higher starting point, which has been increesed from £1,500 to £2,000. The first £500 in excess of £2,000 is taxed at 10 per cent and the ercess over £2,500 at saving being £75.

counts, which means income The amount of tax-free interest on ordinary deposits with the National Savings and from all sources, less personal allowances and deductible out-Trustee Savines Bank is goings, such as juterest paid on creased from £40 to £50. This is a useful area of investment one's house mortgage, alimony and maintenance payments children, as well as adults. made under a legally binding as the exempt amount does not agreement and pension contricount as taxable income and is not therefore taken into account in calculating the child income butious. So a person's income can be considerably higher than

limit.
There will be considerable £6,000-by the total of the personal allowances and outgoings variations in PAYE deductions over the next few months. The reduction in child allowances to be precise—and still be kept 1977/78, foreshadowed Just in case anyone thinks before Christmas, take effect from the first pay day after that life insurance premiums reduce taxable income, a re-

Fathers who pay tax at the basic rate and whose child or children are entitled to child benefit will find that their pay packet is reduced by 70p per allowance; any increase in week (regardless of the number them will not therefore reduce of children). Those paying tax taxable income. The rekef is at the higher rates will suffer a larger reduction; 80p a week given in terms of tax, one-half for those in the 40 per cent of the basic rate times the pre-miums, so with a reduction in the basic rate to 33 per cent week for those in the 50 per cent rate band and so on upwards.

On the other hand mothers can claim £1 a week tax-free benefit for their first child from April 4. As a result the majority of femilies will be a Just how far one is prepared to go to keep out of the 40 per cent slice is a subjective little better off under this new judgment based very much on system, but this will not be so one's cash requirements. Clearly here father's tax rate is over there is no point in buying a bigger and better house to get For the first pay day after extra tax relief on interest (the

May 17 raxpavers will receive the benefit of the higher personal allowances. A married man paving at the basic rate will receive an extra 940 a week in his pay packet and a single person or a married working woman will have an extra 47n. In general those paying tax at the higher rates will also get the benefit of the inthreshold in the higher rate creased thresholds on the first bands, has an interesting result ray day after May 17, although so far as separate taxation is those with more than one emplorment may have to wait until after May 31.

In view of its conditional nature no date has yet been announced for the implementation in the tax tables of the lower basic rate.

Vera Di Palma

Fixed interest investment

Courses of action as rates come down

At this stage in the credit cycle Government is now taking "cernew American Trust in roughly equal parts between premium and loan investments.

Like many managers at present, Chiefisin's Peter Potts is would under normal circumstance be deposition of the market are so goes and the deposition of the market are so goes and the interest on them goes up the interest on the interest on them goes up the interest on them goes up the interest on the interest on them goes up the interest on the interest stances he advocatin inactivity. But not this time. Today, even though I think that ing anyone paying tax at basic on offer today.

rate to put their money into the building society

societies will be putting their rates down in the near future. After the banks cut their base rates by a point and their rate to seven-day depositors by 11 points last week this is mevitable. But in a few weeks time I think it may be possible to judge the course of future rates much better.

If, as I suspect, they are poised to rise again, you'll have a lot more freedom of action than a term investment would have given you. You might have investment in a gilt, but you'll have eliminated the possibility of a capital loss, too; and the return you're getting on your investment in the meantime is

much higher.

What's more by that time mum of a year, as against a it's quite possible that the floating rate bond, on which the any case, rates were coming

therefore more or less hold their capital value. They're a

the building society. that you are not paying any Yes, I know that the building tax at all (in which case building society investment is not for you) then you need the highest return that you can get, even if it means sacrificing a little in the way of flexibility. I would say that the answer is a National Savings Bank Investment Account, which will pay you 10 per cent on as little as a pound.

It is true that you could have got rather more—101 per cent—on an investment last week in local authority yearling bonds: but I reckon that the coupon will be lower on the next issue on Tuesday.

It is also true that you could have got 10 per cent on a £300 investment with Thurrock, but you would have had to tuck

until Monday.

There are, of course, higher

going long.

And finally, what of the high

away for a longer period; West Derbyshire will give you 12; per cent for a two year investment of £1,000, and the same amount

Institution

down so fast on Friday that there is no guarantee that that 10 per cent would have held this is the wrong moment for until Monday.

The would expect them the property of the word of the summer. So that leaves room to steady out, at least by the summer. So that leaves room

are set on sucking their money capital gains as opposed to income are, of course, as high Derbyshire will give you 12½ per as ever: the only question is cent for a two year investment by what strategy to obtain it. I of £1,000, and the same amount think there is a reasonable on a five-year term will earn likelihood that interest rates

FIXED INTEREST RETURNS AFTER THE RATE FALLS

for a little more euphoria in rates available for those who taxpayers? The arguments for the gilt-edged market. But if you want your capital gains tax free I think it would pay you to postpone your buying till later in the year.

Gross rate to

Adrienne Gleeson

Min/max deposit Term basic rate taxpayer How interest paid **Building societies** 25p/£10.000 On demend Term shares Variable/£10,000 12.9-14.7 2-4 years Clearing banks Deposit accts 000,013/12 7 days' notice 7 days/1 year Med-term deposits; £10.000/£25.000 81-8 13/16 Gilt-edged stock Treasury 111% 1979 Treasury 12% 1983 Gross* Gross* Gross Negotiable Negotiable Negotiable Treasury 131% 1997 £25,000 loan limit permitting) if Yearling bonds £1,000 102 Gross Mortgages (see text) normal living expenses. £1,000/£25,000 to £805) and the married allowcombined with the lifting of the Nat Savings Bk Investment accts 25p/£10,000 £1/‡ On demand to £30 First £50 tax-free threshold in the higher rate One month's notice 10 Gross Savings Certificates Brit Savings Bonds 21/21,000 Tax-free 4 years' maturity Gross 4% tax-free 5 years' maturity so far as separate taxation is bonus on maturity Trustee Savings Bank 5p/£10,000 5p/‡ Ordinan On demand to £30 First £40 tax-free rate taxation of wife's earnings Special Inv depts 7 days' notice may find that for 1977/78 it is

Budget: self-employed pensions, annuities

No improvement for the less well-off • Loophole closed

It is the "small priot" which matters not only in insurance policies but also in Budget speeches. Many hard pressed self-employed may have thought then they will be able thought that they will be able to put aside more, on a tax it is not only those both free basis, towards a personal before 1916 who should be pension. The catch is that the allowed to contribute more than 15 per cept. In today's those earning more that conditions, 15 per cent of earn-£15,000 a year after various ings is unlikely to produce a deductions.

the upper limits on contributions for the self-employed and those in non pensionable employment from £2,250 to

The monetary limits (but

new maximum of £4,000 (or 20 per cent) of net relevant earnings for anyone born in 1907 or earlier. Once again, the Chancellor has failed to acknowledge that

These rates are for illustration only, ask on application; *Free of tax on residents abroad; ‡No limit.

leductions. particularly good pension at remaining pension counting as It is proposed to increase retirement; the contribution earned income for tax purneeds to be larger than that.

Any company which has a good pension scheme for good employees will confirm that,

For those who are eligible to pay higher contributions, this not the percentage limits) also is one of the firest forms of should be made to pay the ties. Here, a company effectigo up for those born in 1915 saving, in view of the tax maximum towards a pension, vely has bought an annuity
or earlier—gradually rising to advantages. Full relief of tax with life cover being bought from the individual—paying

from one's top slice of income. The insurance company's pension fund operates on a gross basis and, when one chooses to take the pension (at

any time between the ages of 60 and 75), part of the pension can be exchanged for a tax free cash sum, with the

As before, up to a third of the maximum contribution can limit of 15 per cent of ner relevant earnings is not being altered. So, there is no charge for those earning less than intation against them. be devoted to a life assurance and full relief of tax can be claimed on it) every effort

can be claimed on one's contri-butions—so that effectively usual relief of half the basic they are paid on a gross basis rate of tax.

cash (probably in instalments), which is likely to be tax free. In return, regular payments

* × There are two ways in which a Chancellor can plug a tax loop-hole in the life assurance and annuity field. The most common is to apply the new rules to policies arranged after the Budget, leaving existing contracts unaffected—as we have seen in the past when the maturity value of single premium life policies became liable to what was then surtan. and the cash option from annuity-based growth bonds became liable to basic rate tax

in biatant cases of tax avoidance, the axe may come down straight away—as happened on Tuesday with "reverse" annui-

as well.

have been made by the individ-ual net of basic rate tax, and relief has been claimed for the higher rates of tax. Effectively, therefore, the idea has been to secure tax free sums in return for gross income which, otherwise, would have been highly taxed.

Now, an individual's payments will no longer qualify for tax relief, and those who have indulged in this practice will have to unscramble the arrangements as best they can. The moral is that those who embark on schemes designed solely for tax avoidance on a long-term basis, may find that,

John Drummond



Alliance Building Society tops £1,000 million assets.

At the 113th Annual General Meeting of the Alliance Building Society in Hove on 1st April 1977, Mr. L. Farrer-Brown, Chairman, reported record mortgage lending in 1976 and highlighted the Society's achievement of £1,000 million total assets during the year.

18.2% was among the highest achieved by any for funds, if they are to play their part in sustaining building society in 1976 and that the Society's the present scale of home-ownership, let alone general reserve had increased to £33 million, help, as they wish, to extend home-ownership, representing 3.31% of total assets compared with 3.05% in the previous year.

The number of shareholders and depositors had increased by over 60,000 and they had made gross investments which averaged £1½ million for each working day of the year.

: Record lending had been achieved by the Society both as regards the number -- 25,078 -- and the total amount - £224 million - of mortgage advances. This reflected a deliberate policy to. maintain lending at as high a level as possible and to this end net liquidity was reduced from 18.4% to 16.4% after allowing for sums held for payments due in January 1977.

in the course of the year two changes were made in the investment and mortgage interest rates freedom to advance home-ownership to the full and what happened as a result illustrated the and it always gives mortgage priority to its necessity for building societies to maintain over the investors.

Mr. Farrer-Brown said that the growth rate of whole range of investments their competitiveness

During the last three months of the year when the Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate was raised to 15%, the Society extended the range of its High Income Term Shares in order to attract the required amount of funds to meet the demand for

A recent survey sponsored by the National Economic Development Office shows that three-quarters of those under the age of 45 named the ownership of their house as their ideal choice and a large proportion of them expected to realise that hope within ten years. For this to happen an increasing flow of funds into building societies will be essential. The Alliance seeks the resources and

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whatever counsel may say, the Chancellor - can- step - in - and alter the rules at any stage of the game.

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helped by a broker's tircular But other brokers were wild down notably Matthew

Wrightson 10p to 234p and Willis Faber 5p to 252p. Among the composites, Royal lost more ground, this time closing another 6p lower at 310p.

Associated Fisheries seems a

situation that will be resolved sconer or later. Eastern Pro-

duce could eventually sell its

one-third stake and that is where Imperial Group could enter the scene. In a sense it

is already there, as a share-holder in leading subsidiary, British United Traplers, Profits

of Associated Fisheries are rising strongly. The shares are now 52p. They have come un-from 36p since September when

The clearing banks, all ended 50 down with Lloyds at 210:

we last mentioned them

Investor's week

Muted market response to Mr Healey

initially reacted favourably to the Chancelor's package the response was limited, and investors were not prepared to chase prices much higher. After a cautious start on

After a causious start on Monday both equities and gilts sprang to life late on Tucaday and throughout the whole of the following session. The institutions were back in the market in force for this brief period bringing double-figure rises to many of the blue chip" equipes and province. chip" equities and unprece-dented rises of up to £3 for many edits. The particular appeal of the

Chancellor's proposals was the linking of personal exaction cuts to another round of incomes restraint. This was seen as going some way to resolving the market's concern over the likely reaction of the trade unions to continued pay restraint. But the worry and by the end of the week was proving a positive

drag on sentiment.
So the Budget euphoria was short lived and on Thursday the institutions withdrew, profits were taken and all of the Budget gains were lost At last night's close of 412.5 the FT Index was 5.6 lower over the week. Market thinking then turned to interest rates and here the signs were rather less encouraging, for the short-term A round of base rate cuts from the clearing banks was

stock market discount of the manimum lend of the stock and increased and increased and increased and the Bank of England's action was seen as a clear indication that it unious start on the favourable and beavy applications are expected when the start on the favourable and beavy applications are expected when the application lists open on Wednesday. did not want interest rates to fall further for the time being. The response from equities was muted, many dealers feel-ing that with the interest ratespur removed and the Budget already discounted the market is badly in need of fresh

Wednesday.

Bid and speculative shares were quieter than in recent weeks but it looks as if there is an end in sight of the Herhert Morris takeover saga. After Babcock & Wilcox, the Lough-borough crane maker has agreed to terms worth £8m from Like equities, gilt-edged stocks were little stirted by the MLR move and immediate gains were soon lost. But they

MAIN RISES AND FALLS OF THE WEEK

RISES							
Year's	Year's			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
high	low	Company	Movement	Comment			
370p	197p	APV	30p to 362p	Record profits			
272ე	105p	Gailenkamp	82p to 272p	Takeover talks			
173p	100p	Marshall's Univ	18p to 170p	Profit and rights hopes			
252p	64p	H. Morris	26p to 252p	Agreed bid from Hawker Siddeley			
194p	92p	Ocean Wilsons	12p to 182p	Dividend hopes			
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Wm Press 7½p to 51p Royal Insurance 24p to 310p

19p to 201p

12p to 101p

5p to 20p

6p to 121p, but Legal & General impressed, although the shares lost 4p to 122p. David Mott

Scientific equipment maker Gallenkamp soared 82p to

company.

The shares have been bought

speculatively for a couple of weeks now and, as the com-

pany is a substantial overseas earner, were initially firm on dividend loopes. Meat group FMC, down 12p to 101p, turned down an approach from fellow

trader Thomas Borthwick and NFU Trust, a substantial FMC shareholder, has also rejected

. Results from well-known

names like Tube Investments

392p, Lucas 245p, Cadbury Schweppes 441p, and Bowater

196p, were all received favour-

ably. But this was not the case

with London Brick at 50p after

profits at the lower end of the

sector remained depressed by the Tenerife air disaster which

is likely to cost the industry up to £200m. Underwriting results

from the Prudential were dis-appointing and the shares lost

the offer.

after news of takeover with an unidentified

Pensions

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Reviewing post-retirement benefit

If you are a member of an pensions will also have to be teed minimum pension, occupational pension scheme which allows increases on pensions after they start to be paid, you may well find that the arrangements are revised next year,

In April 1978 the new earnings related state pension scheme starts. Before then— long before then—decisions will have to be taken about contracting out. The option open to "good occupational pension schemes is to take over the responsibility for the part of the new pension in excess of the flat-rate basic pension, in exchange for a reduction in the national insurance contributions payable by both employer and

One feature of the new state scheme is the in-built protection against inflation. The earnings on which the pension is calculated will be adjusted by reference to national average earnings. The pension, once it becomes payable, will similarly be revised annually in line with a prices or earnings index.

If a scheme is contracted out. it will have to match the protection up to retirement. There will have to be a "guaranteed minimum pension" on a similar basis to the state scheme earnings related element, and the

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65p

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17p

FMC

R. Kitchen

After retirement, however, there will be no requirement to review the pension. In respect of the guaranteed minimum pension the national insurance fund will accept responsibility for the increases. This will be achieved by paying, as part of the state pension, the increases which would have been due if the pensioner had never been contracted out.

The result will be that, in an occupational scheme which has provision for pensions to increase and which contracts out, members will receive double increases on the guaranteed minimum pension part, once from their own scheme and once from the state.

What is done about this will depend on circumstances. If the scheme has a fixed rate of increase, pensions probably fail to keep pace with inflation and there is a strong argument for continuing the increases on the whole occupational scheme

pension.

If increases have been running at a higher rate, this 'argument is no longer valid; unless the occupational scheme basic formula for calculating increases exclude the guaran-

based on either "final" pay or our average pay throughout membership with the same sort of adjustment for changes in carnings levels as is included money values or the earnings generally of those still in employment.
In the case of a scheme with

Profit taking

Disappointing

Fading bid hopes

Borthwick

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an index-linked pension (or one which in fact achieves that level of increase, without formal indexation) there clearly must be a rate of increase greater than is required to protect the pensioner, or even give him his fair share of any general increase in prosperity of the community as a whole. In this case the occupational scheme, if it contracts out, is almost certain to consider amendments to exclude guaranteed minimum pensions from

any increases. In many schemes the decision about a possible modification of the increase arrangements will be based on other considerations. The rate of contribution scheme by both employers and employees will be lower in cases where the employee is contracted out. The saving will be significantly larger than the expected increase in national insurance contributions next April, although there will be very much larger increases to come over the next 30 years. The saving will also be much

of the better schemes of intro-ducing these modifications necessary to meet the contracting out requirements.

In many schemes the net result is likely to be that the

employer's total cost, national insurance contributions and his

own pension scheme contribu-tions combined, will go down by perhaps 1 per cent to 2 per cent of pay roll, even if the members are allowed to keep Deabyware, the oven and tableware manufacturer, announced yesterday that it has the whole of the reduction in their own national insurance contributions—21 per cent sav-ing from contracting out less a small increase in the general been mutually agreed that Mr Lionel Simons, deputy chair-man and managing director, resign with immediate effect level of contributions on the introduction of the new scheme. following fundamental policy Not many employers in this differences in recent months. position are likely to feel like Mr Simons owns 27.56 per defending a reduction from the level of benefits already being ent of the Denbyware equity of which a US company Inter-ceram has an iterest of 21.42 provided. The only circumstances which might make this per cent. Interceram is a joint step salable to the members are if some of the other benefits company set up when Denbyware was first floated seven years ago with Sherwood Reunder the scheme are being improved at the same time. This is more likely in a scheme ractories and the former Rolls-Royce. Aged 43, Mr Simons was at where the benefits are more modest-but of course such a first primarily responsible for promotion and sales co-ordina-tion until he was appointed

scheme is less likely to have

generous pension increase arrangements and therefore less

likely to face the problem in the first place.

ing Denbyware's US sales presence through his presi-dency of the Cincinatti-based Eric Brunet

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Medium and Income funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index: 1790.2; rise from January 1, 1977: +12.5%.

Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12

H	Average change offer to bid months: -0.5%; over 3 years	i, ne ∵+2	t income included, over past 12	scrip too
١	MEDIUM A	В	Barbican —3.3 20.4	Since going public in 1968, Clasgow-based F. Miller (Tex-
ļj		85.9	Stewart British -3.6 13.5	Clasgow-based F. Miller (Tex-
	Piccamuy tech 14.9	38.0	Mariborough —3.8 23.4 Brit Comm & Ind —4.2 38.3	tiles) has done better every
l	Schroder General 11.9 Rowan Securities 10.7	59.4 73.8	London Wall Stughld -5.2 44.0	year and the latest 12 months were no exception.
1	Mercury General 10.1	— I	Prolific -5.2 32.0 Ulster Bank Growth -5.3 29.1	In the year to February 13,
1		35.8 48.5	Intel -5.5 28.2	sales rose by 17.65 per cent to
1	Jascot Sect Leads 9.3 -	11.3	Carliol F -5.9 8.2	£4.12m, and pre-tax profits
li	Barclaytrust Invest 9.1	- 1	Unicorn Capital —6.4 29.6 Trades Union —6.8 29.0	were 13.5 per cent to the good
		44.1 44.4	M To	at £956,000, despite heavier interest of £265,000, against
1	Discretionary F 8.0	53.0	World₩lde . —7.9 —	£204,000. The shares rose
ŀ		24.3	National West Grwth -8.1 40.5 Oceanic General -10.1 -5.5	yesterday.
	Equity & Law 7.3 Crescent Reserves 6.7	57.1 1 1.5	Piccadilly Inc/Grow -10.1 -9.8	Up goes the gross dividend
1	target inisue 6.2	9 5.9	Piccadilly Int Earn -10.9 -26.6 Piccadilly Accum -11.7 26.9	by the maximum from 3.63p to 4p and there is a one-for-one
	Unicorn Trustee 5.7	11.1 45.0	Piccadilly Accum —11.7 26.9 · Great Winchester M —19.0 —10.0 ·	scrip issue as well
	London Wall Capital 5.7	45.3]	Cosmopolitan Grth -20.6 -26.8	In its interim statement last
	Friends Provident 5.5	83.8 68.3	INCOME A B London Wal Extra Inc 17.1 —	October, the board reported
	M & G Trustee 5.3	50.6	Londoln Wall High I 16.3 83.9	pressure on margins.
•	M & G Sec General 4.9	26.0 (Carliol High Yield F 13.4 Frambington Income 10.3 109.7	Drandon Ironna
		13.5	Framington Income 10.3 109.7 Unicorn Income 10.0 69.3	Breedon keeps
1	Kleinwort Benson F 4.5	38.3	Key Income 9.9 51.0	downturn at hav
ŀ		80.4	Britannia Extra Income 9.6 14.7 Midland Drayton Inc 9.3 70.6	downturn at bay
1		10.1 36.9	Midland Drayton Inc 9.3 70.6 GT Income 9.1 62.3	Government cutbacks have
·	Abbey General 4.0	34.6	Gartmore High Income 9.0 89.9	not yet robbed Breedon and Cloud Hill Lime Works of the
	Nelstar 4.0 4 Norwich Union 4.0	45.8	Mutual Income 8.6 35.7 Allied Ham High Yld 8.3 —	knack of keeping profits moving
Į	Allied First 3.9	29.9	Henderson High Inc 8.2 60.4	with turnover. They rose from
1		49.0 33.7	Merlin High Yield 7.5 35.2 M & G High Income 6.5 78.6	£2.55m to £2.67m in the year
١	NPI Growth Accum F 3.8	38.3 26.9	Antony Gibbs Income 5.0 —	to January 31, and pre-tax profits from £673,000 to
- [Merlin 3.8 2 Archway Fund M 3.4	26.9 36.8	Ionian Income M. 5.7 39.4	£719,000, another record. Up
	Allied Electrical & Ind 3.3	33.7 10.3	Target Income 5.4 66.8 British Life Div 5.3 41.1	goes gross payment from 8.16p
ı	Tyndall Capital 3.3 Tyndall Capynge 3.2	10.3	Tyndall Scot Inc 5.3 58.2	to 8.98p.
ı	TSB Scottish 3.1 -	23.9	Mutual High Yield 4.3 50.7 Oceanic High Inc 4.3 22.8	However, pre-tax profits slipped from £407,000 to
1	Family Fund 3.0	41.5	Carlife Income 4.2 68.5	£373,000 in the first heaf, and,
1	Ariel 2.8 " 2	16.8 20.5	Unicorn Extra Income 4.0 69.5 Abbey Income 3.9 64.1	the Government apart, weather
-{	Hill Samuel British 2.7	58.6	Britannia Nat High In 3.9 28.6	is not always a friend of roadbuilders and limestone
- 1	Buckingham 2.6 3 Caplife General 2.4 4	35.3 48.2	Schroder Income F 3.8 67.8 Target Claymore 3.7 15.1	quarriers.
ł	Anderson Unit Trust 2.2 -	<u> </u>	L & C lucome 3.0 — I	
ŀ	British Life 1.9 4 M & G General 1.9 2	14.5 23.9	M & G Dividend 2.6 72.3 S & P High Return 2.4 67.2	Kalahari diamonds
-1	S & P Scotsbares 1.8 1	19.5	S & P High Return 2.4 67.2 Britannia Inc. & Gr 2.4 57.1	for De Beers
- 1		44.8 45.0	Prolific High Inc 2.1 —	The Botswana Government
- (Pearl Unit Irust 1.2 8 Britannia Domestic 1.2 2 Britannia Growth 1.2 5	45.0 20.5	Capel Income 1.6 — Lloyds Bank Third 1.4 62.5	announced vesterday that a
	Britannia Growth 1.2 5 Oceanic Growth 1.1		New Court Income 1.2 — 1	diamond pipe had been dis-
•	Reitannia Uni Energy 1.1	7.8	Hambro Income 1.1 51.0 Barrington High Yield 1.1 —	covered under the Kalahari
I	Hill Samuel Capital 0.8	졄.7	Lawson High Yield 1.1 — I	desert by De Beers. Although further evaluation work has to
- [G & A 0.6 Unicorn General 0.4	53.7 43.5 33.1 33.6	Allied High Income 0.8 35.8 Pearl Income 0.8 55.2	be carried out, the government
ı	Allied Ham British 0.1	33.6 30.9	Affied Equity Income 0.7 47.8	said that it appears to be a
I	S & P UK Equity 0.1 3 Hambro Fund 0.0 3	39.0 l	S & P High Yield 0.7 60.0 Ansbehr Inc Mthly M 0.6 —	major discovery and that other
ı	Hill Samuel Security 0.0	56.0	Trident Income 0.6 35.6	exporing the area would be well
-1	Lloyds Bank Fourth 0.0 - Lloyds Bank First -0.1		Nat & Com Inc F 0.4 43.4 Gartmore Income 0.3 60.7	advised to look again.
1	Tyndall Int Earnings -0.1 -	i	Hill Samuel High Yd 0.1 60.8	This enisters do
1		25.4	S & P Scotyields -0.4 43.8	Erith quietens down
1	Allied Capital -0.5		Hill Samuel Income -0.7 76.9 M & G Extra Yield -0.7 67.7	after hat trick
1		18.0	Vanguard High Yd -0.7 —	Record 1976 sales, profits,
Į	Legal & General -1.0 2	۱ ۲۵.۵	National West Inc -1.0 64.3 S & P Scottncome -1.0 50.7	and payout, are reported by
ł	Colemco -1.3 4	18.4 L	Nat V. st Extra Inc -1.2 - 1	London-based Erith, the builders' merchant.
}	Mutual 'Elue Chip' -2.1 2	29.8	Trident Market Ldrs -1.6 - Jyndall Income -2.0 33.3	Sales rose from £17.25m to
1	Cabot F -2.3 1	17.7	Alben Iucome -3.4 55.7	£20.79m, pre-tax profits by 14
1	Minster -2.4 Gartmore British -2.5	55.9 l	S & P Income -4.3 57.5 Piccadilly Extra Inc -4.7 1.9	per cent to £958,000 and earn-
	S & P Ebor General -2.5 2	23.9	Royal Trust Inc -6:3 - [ings a share from 8.63p to 9.83p; so the gross dividend
	Friars House M -2.7 4	16.0 I	Charterhouse Income -7.1 20.8 Bridge Income -8.2 5.5	goes up from a maximum 6.94p
	Clen Fund -3.0	0.1	S & P Select Inc F -8.4 39.7	to 7.38p.
ı	Unicorn '500' -3.1 4		Crescent High Distr —12.2 41.1	The pace, however, may be
1	A: Change since March 25, 1974.	o, of offe	r to bid, income reinvested. Both	too hot to last. Sales in the

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A: Change since March 25, 1976, offer to bid, income reinvested.
B: Change since April 1, 1974, offer to bid, income reinvested. Both to cen to March 31, 1977.
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Stock markets

Hangover on politics and interest rates

centive and some political un-certainty brought a miser hie end to an eventful week for

end to an eventful week for both equiries and ails.

With buyers adopting an extremely cautious and selective approach, light profit-taking wis enough to lower the FT Index 5.9, for a close of 412.5. This was its low point of the day and over the week the loss was 5.6. Dealers said that with interest rates unlikely to fall again for some time and the Budget fully discounted, there was little for investors to go for and most

investors to go for and most shares drifted through lack of interest. A background concern-was the Government's fragile voting position, made worse by and of particular significance because of Monday's Budget

profits at the lower end of the range of estimates. International group Dalgety, down 4p to 235p, announced a £12m rights issue, while Spirax-Sarco, up 19p to 196p, was another raising cash.

In spite of a clutch of mainly Expect Reprolle-Parsons to move sharply if, as is strongly suggested, the Government allows the early ordering of Stage. Two of the coal-fired power station at Drax in Yorkfavourable results the insurance skire. Soon we should here that projits jumped from £5.26m to or least £10m and some say £11m last year and full restora-tion of the dividend is also possible. The shares are now

> In the gilt-edged-market, the new "tap" and the prospect of floating-rate bonds gave an early boost to long dates. But the buying was not strong enough to counter profit-raking and by the close most stocks were up to £1 lower and at the

> bottom.
> "Shorts" were also hir by profit-taking with losses of half a point, and selectively even more where stocks compared

deputy chairman in June 1973. He was instrumental in build-

tableware importer, Millard-Norman.

The pace, however, may be too hot to last. Sales in the second half of 1976 equalled those of the first six months

but the rate of increase slowed down, as did the building indus-try. So it has continued.

Miller peak

again and

scrip too

ing and many stocks were just a shade firmer in "late, late"

Among the "blue chips", the reviest losers were ICI 9p to 354p, Unilever 8p to 460p and Glazo, whose interim figures are due on Monday, 8p to 485p. Market estimates of the last named's profits range between £40m and £43m.

The big engineers also lost ground with Tubes Investments reacting a further ep to 392p after figures and Metal Box lower by 40 to 286p. APV was another to fall after gaining ground on earlier figures and this time the decline was 80 to

From the list of bid and speculative stocks. Herbert Morris, whose agreed bid from Hawker Siddeley was forecast in this column, gained a further 5p to 252p, making a rise of 26p over the week. But Hawker

Breedon & Cloud (25p) Fin. 4.33 Charles Early (10p) Fin 1.45 Elys (Wimbledon) (25p) Fin 1.82

Gaskell (Bacup) (20p) Fin 3.38

Wombwell Foundry (10p) Int 0.33

Charles Hurst (25p) Fin-

F. Miller (10p) Fin Stanley Miller (10p) Fin

Renong Tin (10p) Int

Scottish TV (10p) Fin

The lack of an immediate in unfavourably with the terms of to 272p, but Pilkington, talked in front of figures and also the new "tap". In such cases, of as a possible suitor, lost falls were up to £1. But the ground heavily to close 15p off short end saw a little late buy—at 320p. Others speculatively wanted were James Warren up
5p to 74p, Crosby Honse, an
active stocks and 9p better at
123p on bid hopes and Hunting dealings. Associated where the rise was 19p to 126p.

Latest dividends

Ord Year

2.71

0.63

1.5 1.37

ago

1.59

2.71

1.5

1.3

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share.

Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Adjusted for scrip.

0.33

6/5

27/5

But profit-taking knocked 7p from L. Gardner at 203p, while for the same reason Tecalemit were a penny lower at 91p. The Chancelior's threat to raise beer prices if the petrol vote is lost on Monday brought which is lost on Monday brought a late reaction from breweries with. Tollemache down 5p to 130p, Bass Charrington 3p to 109p, Whitbread "A" 3p to 73p, Allied 23p to 70p and Guinness 3p to 138p.

In the textile sector, Lincroft Kilgour added 4p to 45p on the news of a Win Reed stake and F. Miller gained 2p to 47p after profits.

Press comment helped Syltone to rise 3p to 59p, but lower earnings clipped 2p from reacted 60 to 516p.

After news of an approach, In the insurance sector, Gallenkamp firmed another 2p. Hambro Life rose 2p to 212p

Ycar's Prev

total

5.83

2.11

National West . 235p. Midland 280p and Barclays 260p.

After rising on interest-rate hopes, properties were hit by profit-taking with Bernard Sunley off 7p to 154p and Land Securities 4p to 171p. The firm exception was Allnatt London which put on 5p, for a finish

of 149p. Equity turnover on March 31 was £68.98m (19.984 bargains). was £68.98m (19.984 bargains).
Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, BAT Dfd, GEC, Barclays, Beecham, BP, Distillers, Shell, Burmah, Midiand, BAT ord, Town & City, National Westminster, Imperial Group, GKN, Gallenkamp, Tecalemit, Herbert Mcris, Hunting Associated, Crosby House and Syltone.

Outlook is good as Scottish **Mr Simons** leaving TV returns to its old form Denbyware

By Tony May

(and par value)

The surge seen at Scottish Television at half time has continued. Last year the group nearly equalled its best-ever sales, an increase of 32.6 per pre-tax profit of £1.44m, achieved in 1973.

Equally encouraging, since than 83 per cent to £1.4m after the start of 1977 advertising deducting £1.27m against evenue has risen strongly and £660,000 for Exchequer levy. the start of 1977 advertising revenue has risen strongly and Mr J. Campbell Fraser, chairman, says that the first quarter was 38 per cent up on last year. On the other hand costs are also rising, mainly on increased programme expenditure, "but

cent. Other revenue went up 38 per cent to £383,000.

This independent station serving central Scotland resumed interim dividend payments in October and is now paying a maximum total of 3.25p gross for the year against a single payment of 2p last year. The shares hardened 1p to 34p on

1977 at least". Turnover for 1976 rose 33 per

cent to £12m with £11.6m being brought in by advertising

the results, where the yield is 9.5 per cent.
Profits at half-time quad-

rupled to £635,000, a continuation of the improvement which started in the second half of 1975. Advertising was buoyant and showed a 46.5 per cent rise—better than for the industry as a whole.

Mr Campbell Fraser said that current income was up. He expected even better things this

In the second half year, the group pushed its profits up 19 per cent to £771,000 on advertising sales of £6.1m—a rise of 22 per cent. Other income spuried 58 per cent to £277,000.

900

800

Abridged Particulars

the board is encouraged by the

Issue of 500,000 Participating Shares of lp each fully paid at £10 each

Sutinvest Japanese Index Trust Limited (Incorporated in Jersey under the Companies (Jersey) Laws 1861 to 1968)

Over the five years to 1st January 1977 the Tokyo

Stock Exchange Index in terms of £ sterling plus the investment premium rose 253%.

Over this period not one authorised trust has performed nearly as well as the Tokyo Index in sterling plus the premium.

Surinvest Japanese Index Trust Limited (SJIT) is an open-ended investment company incorporated in Jersey, which provides residents of the Scheduled Territories with a simple vehicle for investing through the premium in the Japanese Stock Market, which is the second largest in the world. Investors in Japan have done far better than investors in Britain or the United States over the past 5, 10, 15, 20, or 25 years. By making a single investment in SJIT an investor will obtain a diversified investment in 34 major Japanese companies included 600 in the Tokyo Stock Exchange Index. The objective of SJIT is that its investments should perform closely in line with the Tokyo Stock Exchange Index. It is not economically practical to invest in all the stocks in the Index, which includes some 914 stocks being all the first register of quoted securities. However as the stocks have been selected for their size and sector representation and weighted accordingly, and sector their size to provide a source of their size and sector representation and weighted accordingly, Tokyo Stock Exchange index in £okus and not according to any views on their likely investment performance, the portfolio should closely reflect the performance of the Japanese Stock Market and particularly Japan's leading companies. During the initial offer the Managers are prepared to sell U.K. securities for reinvestment in the Company and to pay the brokerage expenses, so long as they do not exceed 1.5 per cent <u>400</u> The participating shares being offered are sterling securities and may therefore be disposed of without involving the investor in the sale of investment currency and losing a quarter of the premium. The Subscription Lists for the shares now being issued will open at 10am on Monday 4th April and will close at 3.30pm London time on Friday 15th April. Copies of the prospectus on the terms of which alone applications will be received, and forms of application, can be obtained from Argonaut (Jersey) Limited, P.O. Box 98, Channel House, Green Street, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands Tel: 0534 28138 and Surinvest Limited, (Licensed Dealers in Securities) 140 South Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 2EU Tel: Dorking (0306) 81476

THE **UNITED STATES DEBENTURE** CORPORATION

Year Ended 31st January, 1977.

Extracts from the Directors' Report.

During our financial year ended 31st January, 1977 stock markets. In the United Kingdom and America, our principal areas of investment, falled to continue their strong rises of the previous year and experienced mild daclines to lower levels. In the United Kingdom, the Financial Times Industrial Ordinary Share Index decreased by 6,4 per cent., and in America, the Dow Jones decreased by 6.4 per cent., and in America, the Dow Jones Industrial Index, as adjusted for movements in the investment dollar premium and the exchange rate, fell by 10.9 per cent. whilst the value of the Trust's net assets fell by only 1.9 per cent. In the case of the Financial Times Industrial Ordinary Share Index, it should be noted that the modest fall to 390.5 at the year-end by no means reflected the extremely volatile conditions in the United Kingdom stock market during the year Indeed at the and of Kingdom stock market during the year, Indeed, at the end of October, this index had suffered a severe fall to 265.3 largely as a result of the pound sterling crisis.

The classification and distribution of net assets shows that the the classification and distribution of net assets shows that the international spread of your Company's investments was little changed with 56.8 per cent. (55.9 per cent. last year) of total assets being invested in the United Kingdom and the balance overseas, largely in North America. The classification also shows that the proportion of total assets in the oil, gas and exploration sector increased to 16.2 per cent largely due to our per little of the contraction. sector increased to 16.2 per cent. largely due to our policy of favouring energy-related investments.

It is satisfying to report that, despite the continuance of 10 per cent, dividend restraint in the United Kingdom, your trust's after tax revenue available for ordinary stockholders advanced by

tax revenue available for ordinary stockholders advanced by 19.2 per cent. The restraint imposed on the rates of United Kingdom dividend income was to some extent offset by the remittances of oversees dividends in currencies stronger than the pound sterling. It gives your Board pleasure to recommend that, resulting from this revenue strength, the total net dividend per stock unit for the year be increased by 15.0 per cent. to 3.06p (1978 2.66p), almost matching the 16.6 per cent. increase in the Retail Price Index. Whilst the notional dividend on the Financial Times All Share Index has increased by 55.4 per cent. over the last five years, your own gross dividend has increased by 70.9 per cent. Until such time that we can see clear evidence that the Government's forecasts and indications are becoming translated into genuine economic improvement, it is our intention to into genuine economic improvement, it is our intention to maintain our high overseas content by direct international investment and also through the medium of British multi-national companies having either a substantial overseas capability or a high companies having either a substantial oversess capability of the degree of exported sales. Whilst we are more hopeful than a year ago, we are none the less mindful that the past promises and forecasts of this Government have seldom materialised as originally privisaged by them. Therefore, in the shorter term, we believe that the United States of America (representing 36.1 per cent. of assets)

2 201s a better prospect for capital appreciation and unrestrained

20 3 3 4d increases.

1977	1976
£2,605,701	£2,243,478
3.37p	2.84p
	2.77p
•	2.66p
	£70,961
	£49,885,056
105.9p	· 108.3p
104.5p	106.6p
	3.37p 3.25p 3.06p £125,306 £48,950,209

in London

Shareholder attack on **GRA** before lively AGM By John Brennan GRA Property Trust, the grey-

hound stadium operator trading under a scheme of arrangement set up last year as an alterna-tive to liquidation, faces a stormy annual meeting later this month.

GRA's board, which yesterday reported a £655,000 pre-tax loss for the year to October 31 last, is heavily criticized in a shareholders' association circular, also posted yesterday.

The association seeks board representation at the annual meeting on April 25, and proposes a detailed examination of GRA share deals as well as inquiries into recent events in

the group.

In its heavily qualified annual accounts GRA reports that \$2.5m has been realized from sales of assers since November 1975, and that £2.1m of secured debts, and £1m of unsecured Isaas have been repaid in the

By March 1977 GRA's bor towings and accumulated interest charges amounted to £14.5m against negative sharebolders funds of £3.8m.
GRA's principal creditor,
ICI's pension fund, is owed
10.8m and under the terms of
a new convertible loan ICI
could acquire 46 per cent of

the group after 1980. GRA still retains its two key assets, a 22.7 per cent shareholding in Coral Leisure Group—valued at 5m—and the White City

Stadium.
But Stock Conversion, the property group, has revised its 12m agreement to purchase the White City and GRA has now forfeited the right to partici-

Hard times hit Stanley Miller

Despite a rise of 6 per cent in turnover to £13.6m, the pre-tax profits of building contrac-tor and civil engineer Stanley Miller Holdings dropped 47 per cent to £170,500 in 1976.

Eurobond prices

(midday indicators)

There is no sign of a let-up and Mr E. Bell, chairman, thinks that conditions will not cet better before the autumn. Turnover will be reduced, and margins, down from 2.5 per cent to 1.24 per cent last year, will continue under pressure.

The dividend is, however, held at 1.77p gross, after adjusting for a scrip issue, while earnings a share were 1.42p against 2.53p adjusted.

At half time the fall in profits was 14 per cent to 194,000. In the second half however, the full was 66 per cent to 170,000.

Magnolia stumbles

Magnolia Group's sales grew from £2.83m to £3.64m in 1976, but pre-tax profits fell from 1975's record £531,000 to 1975's record £531,000 to 1975's results were depressed by two non-recurring factors, the board explains. The There is no sign of a let-up and Mr E. Bell, chairman,

Montreel 9*, 1083 105*, 106*, Montreel 9*, 1081 105*, 106*, Montreel 9*, 1081 8*, 1788 1081 8*, 1788 1081 8*, 1788 1081 8*, 1788 1081 8*, 1788 1081 8*, 1081 factors, the board explains. The gross payment goes up from 3.37p to 3.71p, and orders from both the domestic and export markets are substantially better.

Briefly

ENGLISH PROPERTY CORP Chief executive says in annual reports that props sold in year for approximately £66m.

year for approximately £66m. Further big disposals planned. Trizce sold £75m of property interests. Auditors qualify accounts, saying that no provision made against development properties which may on completion be 15 per cent below book values. ASS BRIT ENGINEERING

Board not to pay dividend on per cent cum pref shares due March 31.

CHI-BEAVER Following announcement from CIII of offers for Beaver going exconditional, it has been agreed that cash element of ordinary offer these by 1p to 15p. Beaver board acepting offer for own holdings 19.2 per cent) and recommend ther holders to do same. Mr Tearley, CHI chairman, appointed frector of Beaver.

CAMERIAN & GENERAL Cambrian and General Securire scrip issue

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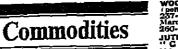
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Production of refined lead in European member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in February totalled 97,151 tons, about 17 per cent more than in February, 1976, and up from 96,817 tons in January, latest provisional OECD figures show.

Output of lead ores and concentrates amounted to 18,806 tons, down from 20,418 tons in January and about 6 per cent below February, 1976, levels.

Stocks of refined lead held by producers at the end of February stood at 92,342 tons, compared with 94,210 tons a year earlier.

Production of zinc in the OECD European area in February amounted to 126,776 tons, down from 130,044 tons in January but about 19 per cent above that of February, 1976.

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Foreign Exchange

The Canadian dollar and Japanese yen maintained earlier gains against the US dollar at the close of trading in Europe yesterday, being quoted at around 95.01-06 and 275.90-276.10 respectively, dealers said.

The Canadian dollar was boosted by favourable reaction—especially in New York—to the Canadian budget, while the yen moved ahead very strongly on sales of dollar export bills by Japanese exporters.

Sterling traded very quietly just under the \$1.72 level at around \$1.7194-97 and some dealers said the Bank of England may have intervened lightly to steady the rare on both sides. The pound closed at \$1.7195, 6 points down on the day. The Bank of England's sterling index closed at 61.8, unchanged throughout the day.

Gold closed in London at \$149.125 an ounce, \$1 up on the day.

Spot Position



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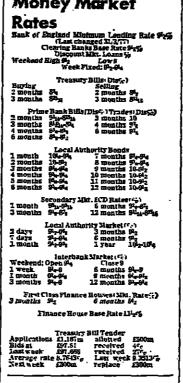
Discount market Extremely patchy conditions prevailed in Lombard Street yes-

terday with some houses fairly comfortably placed and others quite short. Overall, money was tight and the Bank of England was required to give large-scale assistance.

The authorities leut a moderate sum over the weekend to three or four houses at the 9½ per cent MLR—for purely technical reasons—and also bought a small amount of Treasury bills directly from the houses.

The help was thought to have been under-done, although, rather surprisingly, overnight money in the interbank market did get down to 5 per cent quite late in the day, however. The market closed somewhere between 8 and 91 per

Money Market



The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Thursday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in United States.

Wall Street

New York, April 1.—Stock prices dosed sharply higher on favourable economic news, but the gain came on relatively light trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 8.23 points to 927.36. Volume totalled 17.05 million shares compared with 16.51 million on Thursday. Analysts said the gain was encouraged by news after Thursday's close of a decline in the money supply, a drop in the March unemployment rate and a report that construction spending spurted 9.8 per cent in February.

—AP-Dow Jones.



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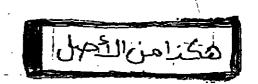
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- Saint Louis, Baccarat and Clicby Saint Louis, Baccarat and Chichy
—with lovely examples from
each. But Patricia McCawley
Cknows how many people without £75 or £750 love these
Cobjects and she found Perth"shire paperweights at low
prices, from about £6, which
lived up to her own exacting standards. The modern mile-fiori in the front of the photograph is from Perthshire at £6. Ing service and trying to find adoptive parents for hard to saccarar silhouette at £100 and place children like older or handicapped children. Russell serveen the lowest and highest parents of about £4,000 are many hat will not frighten even impecunious beginners of the sollecting cult and they are sold in Spink's presentation boxes in service and trying to find adoptive parents for hard to place children like older or handicapped children. Russell station and there is a good deal of interesting shopping in the Brunswick Square Centre.

Spink is holding a kind of "surgery" in the South Western Hotel; Bournemouth, On the left are (top) a modern

3accarar silhouette at £100

while the bottom left is an intique Clichy-garland at £450, letween the lowest and highest

price. Another box of 10 two in one box for 50p. This chocolate eggs is £2.25—the would please anyone, whatever chocolate costs so much more

The Merry Paul confection-

ery shops are a delight, modern

versions of the old-fashioned

weetshops full of originalities.

wrapped in golden paper and

has sad, lashed eyes and a shiny plastic top hat (70p). A

really good-value little flat box,

all golden, holds chocolate, fondant and jelly shapes of

rabbins, eggs, a chick and a nest of sugar eggs—there are

eight good-sized pieces and the whole is cheap at 65p-I could

chocolate hound is

than jellies. jars (great for Stoppered kitchen, studio or playroom afterwards) hold hard, boiled sweets that look like stones or pebbles and fool everyone who knows them not (85p for 175 grammes). Kendal Mint Cake is like a candied fudge, freshly minty, very good indeed and so high in nutrition that the list of expeditions which carried it covers most of the back of the hardly believe it but that's the packets-one slab for 27p or

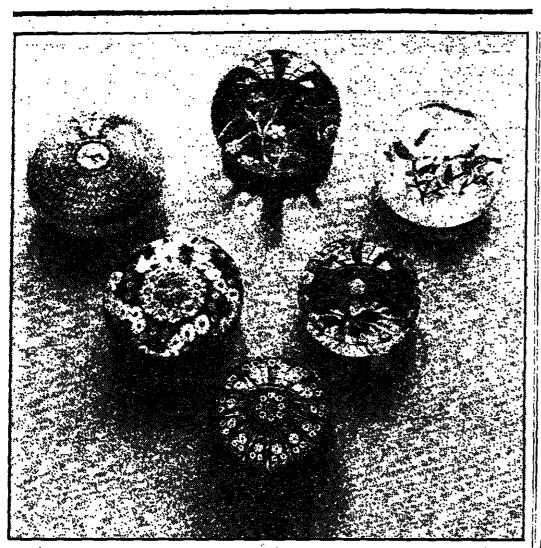
the age of sex. Adorable little drawstring bags of rough sacking, printed like a butcher's bag with Merry Paul's name, are 35p and they make an intriguing wrapping-these are free with some costlier goodles like rum truffles. They would post from the branch at 10 Victoria Arcade Victoria Street, London, SW1 (01-834 6320). Other branches are at .59 Fleet Street, Sloane Square and in the Leicester Square station booking ball.



Sheila Black

It may be too late to tell you about Jennifer King this Easter but her handpainted eggs are dainty gifts for any time of the year and highly original thank yous or greetings. She blows large hen's eggs and paints them with flowers of the cornfield, violets, camomile, red campions, bell flowers with Jacob's Ladder, and hedgerow flowers in silhouette. A summer garden series features blue or yellow butterflies with orange or red flowers, tagetes, rose with lily of the valley, or clusters in a choice of basic colours. Her birds include owls, cockerels, or exotic types. Alternatively what about messages like "I love

you " or " Get well for me " or " Be happy " She charges £1 per egg plus 35p for postage and packing. Eggs for special occasions like Easter sell in presentation boxes and cost £1.95 or £2.45. She makes mobiles and all sorts of exciting possibilities and will send a little descriptive piece of paper for these as well as for things like hand-embroidered garments, wooden or soft toys, leather, enamelled jewelry and that kind of thing Please send a good-sized stamped, self. addressed envelope if you want more data from Jennifer King, Seffrons, Spinney Close, Pelsall, Staffs WS3 4LB (Pelsall



■ Glass paperweights are popular collector's items because they do not need to cost the earth, take up compara-tively little space even in small homes, look lovely and make good conversation pieces and are still to be found as beautifully made as ever they were. At Sotheby's recent sale of glass panerweights there were some superb pieces, whether modern, Venetian, Bohemian, floral or formal. At Asprey, Another first class Spink there is always a good selection idea is the Lock, Stock and Barrel scheme, dreamed up by of Baccarat glass paperweights at prices from approximately £75 to £250 or more. This French company's glass and crystal is the finest of its kind still being made and I recommend anyone who visits Paris to go to the showrooms in the Clichy Lily rue du Paradis. Tucked away

of the Valley on rosé wine ground, sold at Sotheby's for £8,500

so they make gifts that do not proclaim their price to the reci-pient yet always look as if they cost more than they actually

If you want to spend £1.50 on paperweights, go to The Thomas Coram Foundation at 40 Brunswick Square (north-east corner of this wide-open space by Coram Hill Fields, full of flowers and grass and occa-sional sunshine and a lovely part of London). Wander round to look at the Art Treasures topen from about 10 am to 4.30 except when there are conferences so it may be worth telephoning 01-278 2424 first) then buy paperweights which encapsulate some part of the paintings or engravings. The paperweights are half-rounds of glass with felt bases. There are two prints, of the original Foundling Hospital, demolished from the Fields in 1925, and very impressive; a lovely view of The Charter House by Gainsborough, which fits so well into borough, which his so wen into the paperweight because the original was painted as a round; a bust of Handel by Roubiliac and a Hogarth painting of Cap-tain Thomas Coram himself. The chatiry, founded in 1739, still concerns itself with child-ren, running a special foster-ing service and trying to find adoptive parents for hard to

on April 14 and 15. Six experts, covering Oriental, silver, furni-ture, pictures, coins, notes, ching and objects will be there to see anything you might wish to sell, to appraise, to value and to buy if you decide to part with some of your treasures—auc-tion companies have done this kind of thing before but it is a first for Spink and the difference is that they can buy on the spot.

Graham Child, furniture buyer for so many of the 11 years he has been there and a director who innovates. He learnt that people seem to want to sell everything more often than ust a few things—the object being to clear some kind of legacy, change directions in life, raise a specific sum, any So he nov contents of a house, clears it entirely even to the last, lost, dirty toothbrush at the back of a cupboard, sweeps out and leaves the place empty. Anything worth restoration gets the Spink treatment and goes into the St James's showroom for two or three months—the table may turn out to be really valuable or the chair could be a Hepplewhite or Chippendale. Spink then keeps 20 per cent of the actual sale price and refunds the rest over and above the spot price paid for the whole houseful if nobody originally was sure of the value of special pieces. Sellers get im-mediate cash—none of the long waits entailed by sending to auction and waiting for your specialist categories to come up. The trade being what it is, prices might even be better as dealers are sometimes inclined to pay more for "unseen" goods than for much-viewed salernom goods.

Solicitors or inheritors love this system which has resulted in some very odd transactions like a Croydon warehouse and old houses that had been shut up for years; one man who unlocked his "legacy" found masses of toys which he offered to local children who tended in spurn such outdated toys but Spink got £200 for them. Obvi-ously they do not buy loads of rubbish but they are not by any means unapproachable or over-selective. Graham Child loves saying "I've got a hammer and the power to bring it down fast on a cash price". Find our more from Spink and Son (01.930 7888).

■ I usually resolve not to tritter money on chocolate eggs for Easter and instead start buying small, useful presents, But all too often end up buying the fripperies as well and giving both. Most of the fun, however, involves that Easter morning breakfast, brunch or what-ever you make of this particular festival and even more fun can be had by getting ready a line-

and hair are of cotton wool. The grains came from farmers seed shops or similar country shops if you want them golden but packet barley works too. A plasticine nose and a piece of wool make the cross-eyed egg, while felt ears, nose and teeth add character to the button eyes. of the central egg. Tint the next egg with icing colours (perfectly safe, this) and tie with lace, which does not slip, then top with narrow ribbon. Forbe had by getting ready a lineup of pretty or amusing eggs
in advance. If you think
nobody is going to eat all the
hard-boiled eggs the family
want to dress up, blow a few
as you would birds' eggs (only
not rare birds, please). Give
these rather fragile things to
careful people, using the
linards for cooking.

Here are some simple ideas.
The semi-bald man's eyebrows

fectly safe, this) and tie with
lace, which does not slip, then
top with narrow ribbon. For
the marbled egg, drop some oil,
paint. The pirate has a rag
turban over his hank-of-wool
hir, a wool moustache, paper
eve patch and a red bead for
his nose (or paint a piece of
birley with nail varnish). Paint
all features with Pentel or
fibre-tipped pens. Eggs dyed

in saffron, cochineal and other food colourings make a pretty sight dressed on spring leaves in a shallow basket and trimmed in a snation basket and frimmed with catkins. Make the eggs a suppertime dish so that everyone can enjoy them all day—suppertime on Monday would be even better. These ideas by designer Januar Houston should spark off heaps of your own.

Our eggs all stand in the Long John Silver eggcups from Christopher Strangeways, 502 Kings Road, London, SW10 (01-

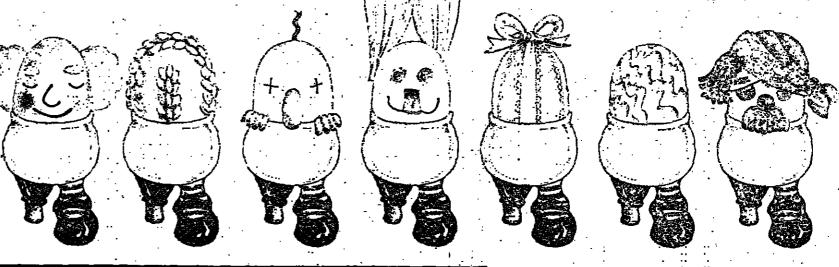
a good many shops and stores all over the country in a white lustre pottery with blue striped socks, black shoe and wood-toloured peg leg at £2 each. Walking eggcups with two whole legs and feet are £1.45 each. They can be posted for 75p extra the set of four if you do not find them wealth. you do not find them locally. Needers are probably femiliar with the teacups, teapots and other walking pottery from Strangeways, all of which is as practical and functional as it is quaint. An eggcup can cost less

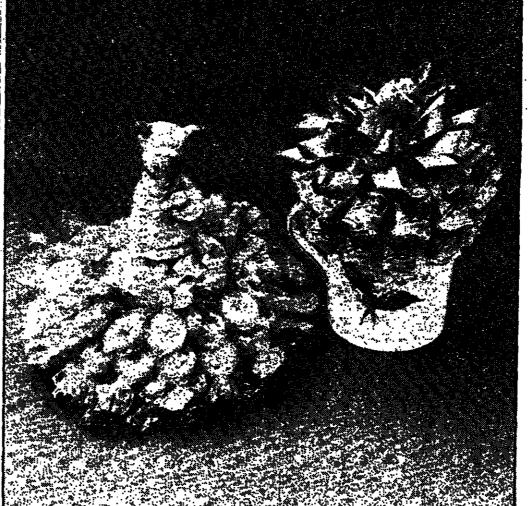
then a chocolate egg and be used for years.
If giving, make the gift rather grand, like the hen's eng delicately painted with Chinese birds and delicate foliage, on a nest of ruched silk and all

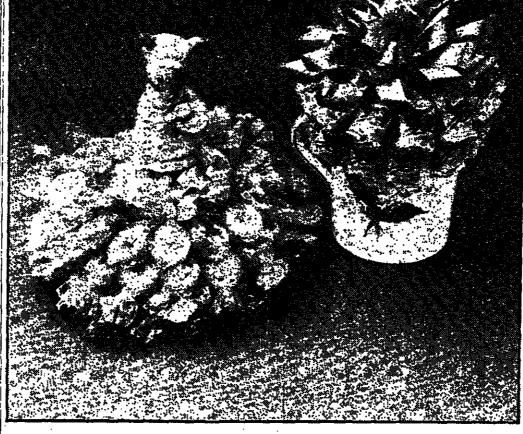
352 9863). They are on sale at sealed into a little glass show case bound in black lacouer at E3 from Jacksons, of Piccacilly, It looks more excensive and is 60p extra by mail—the address is 172 Piccadilly; London, Wi. For personal shoppers, there is also a Jacksons et 6A Sloane Street, London, SW1.

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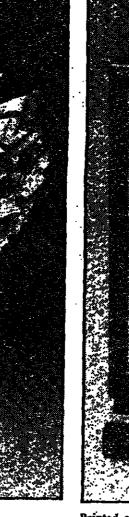
rows of chocolates on which to nest are many and varied The photograph shows two evanolat £4.50 each (75p postage and packing) and the chocolares on the right are ribbon-fied aton a mug with a lily-of-the-reliev pattern. Incidentally, Jacksons sells 100 packets of powdered, non-toxic due for ergs, as well as transfers of rabbits, chicks and flowers to press gently on to eggs (10p a transfer).











Painted egg

Partymad is a shop specializing in party accessories, from room to table decorations, for indoors or out, for any party occasion. Little birds' pests baskets are 45p or 55p and look adorable (postage is, I'm afraid,

as much as one of the baskets at 44p). The shop will cater for any and every occasion and is at 67 Gloucester Avenue, London NW1 (01-586 0169)

Kodak wondering what on earth I was going to see after all the publicity given to Kodak's efforts to produce the instant camera. But I had forgotten all that and was childishly enthralled when I started playing with the camera, which beats anything else of its kind.

You aim at the subject in that simple, foolproof way associated with the Instamatic range of cameras, it being Kodak's belief that many hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic novices take photographs so they need to be protected from their own mistakes. This camera shows a golden ring in the viewing aperture. Frame the centre of your photograph in that ring—bringing the halo close to the edge of the face, for instance. Check

I cannot think why I went into

the environment, then photograph. Focusing is automatic and most results are best on normal although the aperture opens and closes. The flash is automatic and eight bulbs are fixed atop the camera in a special frame. It cannot be fired accidentally but only when a photo is being taken.

Then the fun begins. The camera makes a slight whirring noise and slides out a print. Leave it on the table or anywhere while the image slowly appears, fully developing in eight minutes. There is nothing to peel off, no mess, no stickiness, and every picture is delivered dry and satiny. The chemicals locked into the blackened back become harmless and cannot escape—at any rate unless gouged out although there is nothing much to gouge. The nice thing is that the British company had a lot to do with

this marvellous invention and Jubiles year seems an ideal launching time.

There are three types. The EK4 has

everything the costlier models have but the print has to be wound out by hand which is no great effort—the price is about £49. The EK6 is automatic in giving birth to the print and costs £63. The EK8 has various professional extras like a coupled coincident rangefinder, sophisticated aperture and so on (£105). Film packs with 10 print units cost £4.80. A three-year guarantee goes with each model and it is widely stocked—details from Kodak at Station Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP1 1JU. For nearly 30 years now, the Polaroid company has been experimenting with instant movies and has much hope in a new system under test. Kodak is hardly going to let that one stop them.

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If will bet that thousands of you have Mahonia in your fruits juicily. My miniature and not-so-miniature oranges gardens. You enjoy the early colour and flowering because there is so little else in bloom at that time. You probably pots, perfume my room when in blossom and give me like the fact that it is evergreen, glossy and cares little about special soils or locations; that it reproduces easily—perhaps too easily-by suckers and that nothing seems to kill or spoil its spreading erectness.

But I will bet that thousands do not know you can eat those lovely, purple-blue oblong berries of autumn, more often either ignored or added to flower decorations than harvested for the larder. Yet the Mahonia berries were long marketed in America as Oregon Grapes and were very popular for jams, jellies, sauces and preserves. They are still popular but too widely grown to be attractive as com-

mercial-marketing products in most areas. I learnt this from a hardback book that has been a fascination for me ever since I discovered it at last year's Chelsea Flower Show. The book is full of tempting excitements for the gardener, indoors or out, and now is the time to buy it and to start experimenting. With light indoor spaces or with greenhouses, you can grow mango, paw paw, guava and a lot of other exotics. Out of doors you can grow a host of unusual fruits like cranberries or blueberries, as well as those we all know so well. My own indoor garden is beginning to live up to the list of the book's contents which reads like a world ramble of orchards, while my daughter's large

enormous fun.

You can buy seeds of many exotics like Cherimoya (custard apple; and the spelling varies from one expert to another when translated into English), guava, papaya, fruit salad bush and so on from Thompson and Morgan, of London Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. Hilliers, of Winchester, sell such things as cranberries, and Thomas Rivers and Son, of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, sell citrus trees of all kinds although the current season is sold out. You can buy the actual fresh fruits from high class greengrocers or depart ment stores, like Harrods and Fortnums, then sow the seeds yourself. Not cheaper, even if you buy one fruit which yields many seeds, but fruit seeds often grow better when planted straight from the fruit, in my experience. These exotics start slowly but look splendid when they start fruiting. which may be anything from 18 months to four years, according to type. However, not all fruits can be grown from seed so do buy the book first, then plot your unusual orchards. It is called Growing Unusual Fruit, by Alan F. Simmons, a descendant of Kentish fruit growers who has long wanted to extend the frontiers of fruit growing in Britain. The publisher is David and Charles, of Newton Abbot, Devon, and the cheap edition price is £2.75 (was conservatory now has huge banana plants, healthy pine- once £4.50). I have found that every friend who sees it apple, and a couple of variations of passion fruit which wants one. Bookshops or direct—add 30p postage.

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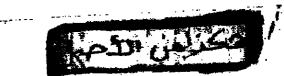
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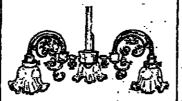
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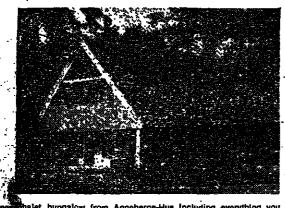
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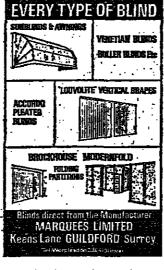
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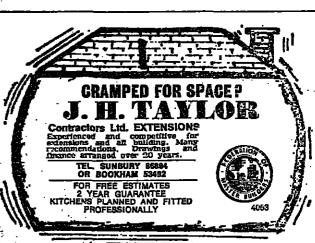
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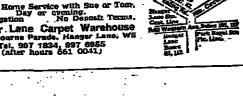
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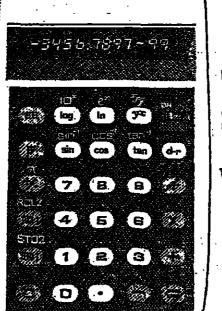
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When it comes to spring cleanguide and friend is The Kenya Settlers' Cookery Book and Household Guide, circa 1958. It now reads like a cross between first edition Mrs Beeton and one of those booklets of peculiarly ill-chosen foreign phrases you can pick up on the newsstands nearest the boat train platform at Victoria. But every now and again I turn to it and find a remedy that is entirely apposite. Thus: "Decanters which have been stained with wine can be made quite clean if . . . a little coarse salt and vinegar is used. Shake well and riuse in cold water". That works. So does the remedy for tired tapestry (rub well with

warm bran).
On the heavier aspects of

you've finished that work get on with something else. That is not a phrase that comes readily to the lips in Britain in 1977. Well, for the lack of the general factorum which it assumes, what is each of us to do about the occasional Big Clean?

There is one easy answer call in the professionals. A hunt through your local Yellow Pages should produce a number of firms who will come in, take your living quarters apart, dust them down and put them together again: and their services are not necessarily as expensive as you might think. Thus Cleaningwise (01-789 2133),

which serves most of the London area and parts of the home counties, might charge you as much as £200 for taking a mansion to pieces, but as little as £20 for cleaning up the average On the heavier aspects of housework, however, it's obvious that the book was put together for a time and in a place in which labour—other people's labour—came not merely cheap but also willing. "Kwanza fanya kazi hii halafu fanya ingine". it says: when



A selection of pinnies from Dickens & Jones with a rush brush from John Lewis, price £1.95

For chimney sweeps the right hunting ground is the Yellow In the London area prices vary between £2.50 and £4 for an open chimney, and boilers cost around £3. Genting a chimney done will take up-wards of half an hour, but I do advise you to get in now if you want it done this spring: from the middle of April, it

seems, everyone has the same The cheapest, least effective and most wearisome way of cleaning a carpet is to do it yourself. I think that calling in the experts is a much more satisfactory method of procedure, and in the case of Oriental rugs it's absolutely essential: ill-applied home cleaners can do a lot of damage. A firm like the Patent Steam Carpet Company (01 874 4333) will clean your Axminsters or Wiktons on site for 51p a square yard (70p a square yard if you

have it collected and taken into their factory), while Chinese and Persian carpets cost 820 a square yard on site (with a minimum charge of £12), and £2 a square yard if you send them in. The firm collects and delivers throughout the London area, and a carper cleaned in their factory is likely to be away for about a fortnight. Behar Profex (01-226 0144), which specializes in cleaning antique Oriental rugs, takes about a week over it, collects and delivers throughout the UK, and charges according to the and charges according to the scale of the problem-assume upwards of £5 for a small rug,

The right way of tackling curtains, again, is going to depend on how much you spent on them in the first place: but if you want to be certain they emerge from the process in better order than they started it, then a firm which will guarantee its work is the answer. One such is University Tailors (01-735 7711), which will collect and deliver in Lon-don and the major centres in the South-east. Cleaning—which will take a week—is likely to cost between 50p a square metre for unlined curtains and E1.02 a square metre for very heavy interlined brocades. Thuro Steam, which in addition to a London presence (01-580 5457) has branches in Glasgow and Leeds, is starting an on-site curtain service soon and already does carpets on site.
Carper cleaning costs from a
minimum of £15, and remember
to allow 24 hours for things to

With upholstery, professional cleaning on site is likely to cost between £14 and £34 for a three-piece suite—but firms like Servicemaster, which has branches throughout the Southeast, normally send a representative to give an estimate. sentative to give an estimate. Servicemaster will clean leather

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The cost of cleaning and mending blinds varies according to their size; but since it is pretty modest, assume that you will althou have to append a will either have to provide a fair amount of work or be prepared to make your own deliveries and collections. There's no such problem, however with dupote you can send

There's no such problem, however, with duvets: you can send them in by post to the Danish Express Laundry (16 Hinde Street, London W1; telephone 01-935 6306), who will charge you £2.60 plus VAT for a single, £3 plus VAT for a double, and £5 plus VAT for a very big one. Don't forget to include the postage for their return. If you happen to live within the orbit of University Tailors, they will collect and deliver them, charging you £2.20 for a single, £3.50 for a double, and keeping them for one to two weeks. They do strongly advise, though, that you hang them out in the open after their return, to get rid after their return, to get rid of the last of the fumes. Unless, of course, you took the line of least resistance from

the start, and called on the experts to give you a package deal, none of this relieves you of the dirty work. The dirty work? Yes: the Hoovering (the Miele S204 cleaner is the snazziest I've seen in a long time, but heavens, at about £99.50, what a price), the dusting (I suppose it's a dreadful revelation of character that I don't mind paying £1.10 for a feather duster in Dickens & Jones, and object most strongly to the 27p which those ubiquitous yellow

Abru hrand at between £6.80 and £15.90, depending on height), or the window cleaning (Debenhams has Leifheir telescopic cleaners at £2.95; Dressing for all this calls for some thought, but it seems to

me that there are three possi-bilities. First, if there is some-one to impress, a pinny in which to receive their sympathy and admiration at the beginning or end of the proceedings is essential. Dickens & Jones have some suitably frilly, flowery full-length ones for lady cleaners, at £5.95: but House of Fraser doesn't go in for central buying, so obtaining one of those might mean a trip to town. John Lewis, however, does: and they have much the same sort of thing, with fewer frills and more fragile flowers, at £4.75. And there are any number of the unisex plasti-cized aprons with cheerful product advertising around: I particularly liked the ingenuously alcoholic ones (Guinness on a radiant orange background) selling at £2-25 in Debendary.

Debenhams. However, when it comes to doing the actual work pinnies

—frilly or otherwise—are just an encumbrance. I reckon the choice then is between maximum protection with, say, dun-garees, or the opposite. I per-sonally favour the latter course. I go for effective protection of hair (shower caps or swimming caps) and hands (John Lewis has some inelegant but service able white corton gloves at 49p, or fabric-lined PVC Glovelies,

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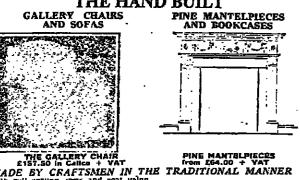
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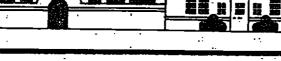
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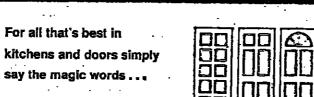
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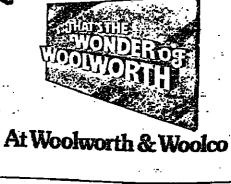
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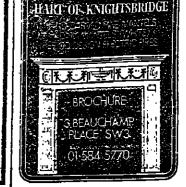
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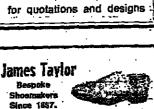
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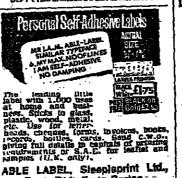


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